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8 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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11 PATRICIA MITCHELL, individually as  
successor in interest to Chase Frei,  
12 and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

13 Plaintiff,  
14 v.  
15 HEALTH NET, INC., a Delaware  
corporation;  
16 HEALTH NET LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, a California corporation;  
17 HEALTH NET OF CALIFORNIA, INC., a  
California corporation;  
18 MANAGED HEALTH NETWORK, INC., a  
Delaware corporation;  
19 CENTENE CORPORATION, a Delaware  
corporation; and DOES 1 through 100,  
20 inclusive,

21 Defendants.

CASE NO. BC 706917

COMPLAINT

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COMPLAINT

1 Plaintiff PATRICIA MITCHELL, individually as successor in interest to Chase Frei,  
2 and on behalf of all others similarly situated, brings this action against Defendants HEALTH  
3 NET, INC., a Delaware corporation; HEALTH NET LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, a  
4 California corporation; HEALTH NET OF CALIFORNIA, INC., a California corporation;  
5 MANAGED HEALTH NETWORK, INC., a Delaware corporation; CENTENE  
6 CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (collectively "Health Net"), and hereby alleges the  
7 following on information and belief, except as to those allegations that pertain to Ms. Mitchell,  
8 which are alleged on personal knowledge:

9 **THE PARTIES**

10 1. Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of California and resides in San Joaquin County.

11 During the relevant times alleged in this Complaint, Plaintiff resided in Alameda County.

12 2. Plaintiff is the mother of Chase Frei, born on September 1, 1994, who passed away  
13 on May 6, 2017 (the "Decedent"). The Decedent died intestate and no assets of the Decedent  
14 required probate. Plaintiff's declaration and a certified copy of Decedent's death certificate are  
15 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

16 3. No proceeding is now pending in California for the administration of Decedent's  
17 estate.

18 4. Plaintiff is Decedent's successor in interest as defined by Code of Civil Procedure  
19 section 377.11, and as provided by Insurance Code section 10130 and Probate Code section 6402,  
20 and succeeds to Decedent's interests in this action.

21 5. No person other than Plaintiff has a superior right to commence this action or to be  
22 substituted for Decedent in this action.

23 6. Defendant Health Net, Inc. ("HNI") is, and was at all times relevant to this action, a  
24 corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal  
25 place of business located in Woodland Hills, California. HNI is authorized to conduct business as  
26 a health care service plan and health care insurer, and transacts, and is transacting, the business of  
27 providing health plans to consumers throughout California.

28 7. Defendant Health Net Life Insurance Company ("HNLIC") is, and was at all times

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1 relevant to this action, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of  
2 California, with its principal place of business located in Woodland Hills, California. HNLIC is  
3 authorized to conduct business as a health care service plan and health care insurer, and transacts,  
4 and is transacting, the business of providing health plans to consumers throughout California.

5       8. Defendant Health Net of California, Inc. ("HNCI") is, and was at all times relevant  
6 to this action, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California,  
7 with its principal place of business located in Woodland Hills, California. HNCI is authorized to  
8 conduct business as a health care service plan and health care insurer, and transacts, and is  
9 transacting, the business of providing health plans to consumers throughout California.

10      9. Defendant Managed Health Network, Inc. ("MHNI") is, and was at all times  
11 relevant to this action, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of  
12 Delaware, with its principal place of business located in Woodland Hills, California. MHNI is  
13 authorized to conduct business as a health care service plan and health care insurer, and transacts,  
14 and is transacting, the business of providing health plans to consumers throughout California.

15      10. Defendant Centene Corporation ("Centene") is, and was at all times relevant to this  
16 action, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its  
17 principal place of business located in St. Louis, Missouri. Centene is authorized to conduct  
18 business as a health care service plan and health care insurer, and transacts, and is transacting, the  
19 business of providing health plans to consumers throughout California.

20      11. Centene acquired HNI, HNCI, HNLIC, and MHNI through merger in 2015, which  
21 was approved by the California Department of Managed Health Care ("DMHC") and the  
22 California Department of Insurance ("CDI") in 2016, and is now the parent company or successor  
23 in interest of, and thereby liable for the acts and omissions of HNI, HNCI, HNLIC, and MHNI.

24      12. Plaintiff does not know the true names and capacities of defendants sued as DOES  
25 1 through 100, inclusive, and therefore sue such defendants with such fictitious names. Plaintiff  
26 will amend this complaint, if necessary, to allege their true names and capacities when they have  
27 been ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes that each of the named and fictitiously named  
28 defendants are in some way involved in and responsible for the events, transactions, or

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1 occurrences alleged in the complaint, as well as the damages caused to Plaintiff. DOES 1 through  
2 100 are included in the references throughout this complaint to HNI, HNCI, HNLIC, MHNI, and  
3 Centene, as appropriate.

4       13. Each of the defendants is, and was at all times relevant to this action, the agent,  
5 servant, representative, or alter ego of each of the other defendants, and in doing the things  
6 hereinafter alleged, each of the defendants was acting in the scope of its authority as such agent,  
7 servant, representative, or alter ego, and with the permission and consent of each of the other  
8 defendants.

9        14. Each of the defendants formed and operated a conspiracy with each of the other  
10 defendants to perform the acts alleged herein, in furtherance of a common design and with  
11 knowledge that the conduct alleged herein of each of the defendants constituted breaches of duty  
12 and provided substantial assistance or encouragement to each other to so act.

13        15. Defendants HNI, HNCI, HNLIC, MHNI, Centene and DOES 1 through 100,  
14 inclusive, and each of them, are collectively referred to herein as "Health Net," unless referred to  
15 in their individual capacities.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

16. This Court has jurisdiction over this action under Article VI, section 10 of the  
California Constitution and section 410.10 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Jurisdiction is also  
proper under California Business and Professions Code section 17200, et seq. and California Civil  
Code section 1750, et seq.

17. This Court has jurisdiction over Health Net, as a resident of the State of California,  
and because Health Net has purposely availed itself of the privilege of conducting business  
activities in California and currently maintains systematic and continuous business contacts with  
this State, with thousands of enrollees who are residents of this State and who do business with  
Health Net.

18. Venue is proper in this Court because, among other things, Health Net's principle  
place of business is in the County of Los Angeles, and because Health Net engages and performs  
business activities in the County of Los Angeles, and has received substantial profits from

1 consumers who reside in the County of Los Angeles.

2 **STATUTORY MANDATES**

3       19. Enacted in March 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“ACA”)  
4 created new rules applicable to health plans in the United States (PL 111-148, March 23, 2010,  
5 124 Stat 119). Under the ACA, states may operate a marketplace, known as an exchange, through  
6 which private health plans are sold to consumers (42 U.S.C. § 18031(b)).

7       20. Individuals could purchase health plans through their state’s exchange during the  
8 initial six-month 2014 Open Enrollment Period, between October 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014 (45  
9 C.F.R. § 155.410). Individuals could also purchase health plans directly from health plans during  
10 the 2014 Open Enrollment Period. After the 2014 Open Enrollment Period, individuals could not  
11 purchase health plans until the next enrollment period, beginning November 15, 2014 (45 C.F.R. §  
12 155.410(e)).

13       21. The ACA expressly preserves state laws that offer additional consumer protections  
14 that do not “prevent the application” of any ACA requirement (42 U.S.C. § 18041(d)). State laws  
15 that impose stricter requirements on health plan issuers than those imposed by the ACA are also  
16 not superseded by the ACA.

17       22. To further the goals of ensuring that consumers are educated and informed about  
18 the coverage and benefits and enabling consumer choice in the market place, regulations  
19 promulgated pursuant to the Insurance Code require that advertisements for health plans “shall be  
20 truthful and not misleading in fact or in implication.” Cal. Code Regs. Title 10 [“10 CCR”] §  
21 2536.1(b).

22       23. Insurance Code sections 10603 and 10604 require health plans to “provide, in  
23 easily understood language and in a uniform, clearly organized manner” information including the  
24 “principal benefits and coverage of the disability insurance policy” and the “exceptions,  
25 reductions, and limitations that apply to such policy.”

26       24. Insurance Code section 10133.5 requires “that insureds have opportunity to access  
27 needed health care services in a timely manner” ... “to assure accessibility of provider services in  
28 a timely manner to individuals ... pursuant to benefits covered under the policy or contract.” Id. at

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1 subds. (a) and (b). The purpose of the statute is to ensure, among other things, that:

2 a. "The policy or contract is not inconsistent with standards of good health  
3 care and clinically appropriate care." Ins. Code § 10133.5(b)(3).

4 b. "All contracts including contracts with providers, and other persons  
5 furnishing services, or facilities shall be fair and reasonable." Ins. Code § 10133.5(b)(4).

6 25. Regulations promulgated pursuant to Insurance Code section 10133.5 require that  
7 "insurers shall ensure that ... [n]etwork providers are duly licensed or accredited and that they are  
8 sufficient, in number or size, to be capable of furnishing the health care services covered by the  
9 insurance contract, taking into account the number of covered persons, their characteristics and  
10 medical needs including the frequency of accessing needed medical care within the prescribed  
11 geographic distances outlined herein and the projected demand for services by type of services."  
12 10 CCR § 2240.1(b)(1).

13 26. Insurance Code section 10133.56 similarly allows consumers who are in the course  
14 of treatment to continue to receive treatment from their provider of choice, even after the health  
15 insurer terminates its contract with the provider.

#### NATURE OF THE ACTION

17 27. Plaintiff brings this action to challenge Health Net's deceptive and fraudulent  
18 misrepresentations, its inadequate network of contracted providers of behavioral health and  
19 substance use disorder services ("BH/SUD"), its grossly mishandled administration of PPO  
20 Policies, its groundless investigation of BH/SUD claims and consequent elimination of out-of-  
21 network choices, and its inequitable payment of benefits for BH/SUD services as compared to  
22 medical and surgical services.

23 28. In violation of California law, Health Net:

24 a. Has misrepresented and continues to misrepresent to consumers that certain  
25 BH/SUD providers are participating in Health Net's network of contracted providers, or in-  
26 network providers, when in fact they are not;

27 b. Has made and continues to make false and misleading representations and  
28 omissions in advertising, marketing, and communications regarding BH/SUD provider networks

1 and as to other matters as more fully described herein;

2           c.     Has subjected and continues to subject Plaintiff and others similarly situated  
3 to inadequate networks of BH/SUD providers, causing delays and interruptions in accessing  
4 needed health care;

5           d.     Has subjected and continues to subject Plaintiff and others similarly situated  
6 to exceedingly long wait times, regularly lasting several hours and in some cases, like Plaintiff',  
7 days and weeks on customer service telephone lines when calling to address these problems,  
8 misinformation through Health Net's website, and countless hours corresponding with Health Net  
9 and correcting misrepresentations made by Health Net;

10          e.     Has subjected and continues to subject Plaintiff and others similarly situated  
11 to unreasonably limited, almost non-existent, choices of out-of-network BH/SUD providers as a  
12 direct result of Health Net's groundless, industry-wide dragnet SIU investigation of out-of-  
13 network BH/SUD providers; and

14          f.     Has subjected and continues to subject Plaintiff and others similarly situated  
15 to exorbitant increased costs of health care as a direct result of Health Net's practice of  
16 reimbursing BH/SUD services at Medicare allowable rates that do not apply to the BH/SUD  
17 services provided, resulting in an underpayment on average of approximately 70-80% of the  
18 providers' billed charges and a resulting increase in Plaintiff's out of pocket expenses for covered  
19 health care services.

20          29.    In late 2013, to coincide with the commencement of the ACA, Health Net canceled  
21 its existing non-ACA-compliant PPO Policies and made available to California consumers new  
22 PPO Policies, effective January 1, 2014.

23          30.    The new ACA-compliant PPO Policies were first made available to consumers  
24 during a designated enrollment period between October 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014 (the "2014  
25 Open Enrollment Period"). Except for a few narrow exceptions, consumers may only enroll in  
26 new coverage or switch coverage during designated open enrollment periods.

27          31.    Health Net represented and marketed to consumers that its health plans have  
28 specific BH/SUD providers under contract and within its network of providers available to those

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1 consumers enrolled in the Health Net PPO Policies.

2       32. After Plaintiff and those similarly situated enrolled in the new Health Net PPO  
3 Policies, they discovered that their provider networks did not include the BH/SUD providers  
4 Health Net had represented to be in-network providers, and that those provider networks were  
5 much more limited than previously represented by Health Net. Due to Health Net's deceptive and  
6 fraudulent actions and misrepresentations, Plaintiff and those similarly situated are not able to  
7 fully access the benefits of the plans they purchased.

8       33. Plaintiff and those similarly situated did not become fully aware of the reduced  
9 provider networks until after the close of their respective open enrollment periods, thereby locking  
10 them in those plans until the next open enrollment period. Some consumers have not yet become  
11 aware of the reduced provider networks.

12      34. Health Net had a clear incentive to conceal its networks: As a result of these  
13 practices, Health Net significantly increased its share of the California health plan market, while  
14 offering inferior products and not paying the contractually and statutorily mandated benefits.

15      35. Health Net's practices improperly shift the increased cost of health care onto  
16 Plaintiff and those similarly situated in the form of exorbitant unpaid bills and the transformation  
17 of fixed co-payments into percentage-based co-insurance obligations if they cannot access in-  
18 network providers in a timely manner from the limited number of in-network providers in Health  
19 Net's provider network.

20      36. By selling health plans that do not provide benefits or access to BH/SUD in-  
21 network providers as advertised, Health Net's deceptive business practices resulted in mass  
22 confusion, with Plaintiff and others similarly situated trapped in a labyrinth of automated phone  
23 trees, multiple transfers, oppressive hold times, disconnections, useless Health Net website  
24 searches and "Custom Provider Listings," pointless correspondence, and restarting the entire  
25 process.

26      37. Health Net's deceptive and fraudulent practices went beyond providing an  
27 inadequate network of BH/SUD providers. In January 2016, Health Net instituted an industry-  
28 wide dragnet SIU investigation of out-of-network providers of BH/SUD services. The SIU

1 investigation was intended to avoid the payment of out-of-network provider BH/SUD services,  
 2 and Health Net has in large part avoided such contractually and statutorily mandated payments.  
 3 As a direct consequence, Plaintiff and others similarly situated found themselves unable to find  
 4 BH/SUD out-of-network providers willing to treat Health Net insureds.

5       38. For those of Health Net's insureds, such as Plaintiff and others similarly situated,  
 6 who were able to find out-of-network BH/SUD providers willing to provide treatment, Health Net  
 7 further compounded the injury and damages by employing a deceptive and fraudulent practice of  
 8 reimbursing out-of-network BH/SUD services at Medicare reimbursement rates that do not apply  
 9 to the BH/SUD services provided, resulting in average underpayments of approximately 70-80%  
 10 of the out-of-network providers' billed charges, and a resulting increase in Plaintiff's out of pocket  
 11 expenses for covered health care services.

12       39. The inapplicable Medicare reimbursement rates applied by Health Net were only  
 13 misapplied to BH/SUD treatment services, not medical and surgical services, and therefore violate  
 14 the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 ("MHPAEA"), made applicable to  
 15 health insurance companies in the State of California pursuant to California Insurance Code section  
 16 10112.27.

17       40. Plaintiff brings this action individually as successor in interest to Chase Frei,  
 18 and on behalf of a class of current California residents who are enrolled in, or who were enrolled  
 19 in, a Health Net PPO health insurance contract, purchased on or after October 1, 2013  
 20 (collectively, the "Class," or individually, "Class Members").

21       41. Health Net's deceptive and fraudulent practices of representing and advertising that  
 22 its health plans have certain providers in the plans' networks when those providers are not actually  
 23 in the plans' networks violates California Insurance Code provisions, as well as the Unfair  
 24 Competition Law ("UPL"), California Business and Professions Code sections 17200, et seq., and  
 25 the Consumers Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA"), California Civil Code sections 1750, et seq.

26       42. Through its conduct as described herein, Health Net has breached the individual  
 27 PPO contracts entered into with Plaintiff and the Class Members and breached the implied  
 28 covenant of good faith and fair dealing in each of those PPO contracts.

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1       43. Plaintiff seeks to recover damages resulting from Health Net's breach of contract  
2 and breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing; an order of this Court enjoining  
3 Health Net's continued violations; an order for restitution of all monies paid for Health Net PPO  
4 Policies in an amount reflecting the difference in the value of the PPO Policies with the providers  
5 as misrepresented at any time since October 1, 2013, and the value of the PPO Policies with the  
6 actual reduced provider networks, and other remedies as set forth herein.

## **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

8       44. During open enrollment 2016, the Decedent enrolled in a Health Net individual and  
9 family PPO insurance policy.

10        45.      Health Net issued to the Decedent, through the Covered California Exchange, its  
11 individual Family Health Net Platinum PPO Policy No. 497151, effective January 1, 2016,  
12 through the Decedent's death (the "Policy"), though Health Net admittedly issued in error Policy  
13 No. 506138, effective April 1, 2016, but confirmed Policy No. 497151 was the only Policy in  
14 effect for 2016.

46. The Decedent, like many his age, became addicted to prescribed opioid pills while  
in high school. The Decedent's addiction continued after he graduated high school in 2013, and  
eventually the Decedent's addiction intensified and he began using illicit drugs.

18       47. In 2015, the Decedent acknowledged his addiction and became willing to take the  
19 steps necessary to get sober. He moved from his residence in Alameda County, where the familiar  
20 faces and surroundings were not conducive to his recovery, and moved to Orange County.

48. The Decedent entered his recovery willingly and was committed to getting sober.  
However, Health Net impeded the Decedent's recovery at every step by not maintaining an  
adequate network of BH/SUD providers and effectively precluding access to out-of-network  
BH/SUD providers.

49. Initially, Plaintiff and the Decedent paid cash for the behavioral health and  
50 substance use disorder services (“BH/SUD”) services.

27       50. After obtaining the Policy, the Decedent sought out treatment with an in-network  
28 provider. Health Net's directory of BH/SUD providers did not include a single residential

1 treatment facility able to treat the Decedent. The in-network providers either did not provide  
 2 residential treatment or did not provide substance use disorder treatment, only eating disorders and  
 3 other behavioral health disorders. The Decedent was forced to seek treatment with an out-of-  
 4 network provider pursuant to the terms of his Policy.

5 51. The Decedent participated in outpatient BH/SUD treatment with an out-of-network  
 6 provider in Orange County. The provider submitted claims to Health Net, which were paid  
 7 pursuant to the terms of the Policy at 75% of the provider's billed charges. This continued  
 8 through January 13, 2016.

9 52. For the Decedent's treatment beginning on January 14, 2016, Health Net refused to  
 10 reimburse the Decedent's out-of-network provider, explaining that the claims were being  
 11 contested because of insufficient information. Health Net requested that the Decedent provide  
 12 evidence of payment of his deductible, co-insurance and co-payment, compliant medical records,  
 13 and a copy of the provider's licenses and certificates.

14 53. Health Net continued to deny claims for Decedent's dates of service through  
 15 February 12, 2016, leaving Plaintiff with a significant balance bill from his provider and a debt  
 16 subject to collection and credit reporting.

17 54. Health Net subsequently re-processed some of the claims for the dates of service in  
 18 January and February, 2016, reimbursing the Decedent's provider at approximately 10% of the  
 19 billed charges, based upon a purported Medicare conversion rate, instead of 75% as required by  
 20 the Policy. Those inadequate payments were not made until much later. In fact, the last  
 21 explanation of benefits ("EOB") from Health Net indicates the claim was re-processed on July 5,  
 22 2017, *more than a year after services were rendered and two months after the Decedent passed  
 23 away.*

24 55. Because Health Net refused to pay the Decedent's out-of-network provider, the  
 25 Decedent was forced to find another provider of BH/SUD services. Once again, the Decedent and  
 26 Plaintiff were unable to identify a single in-network provider listed in the Health Net directory of  
 27 providers. Through the Health Net website, Plaintiff requested a listing of BH/SUD providers.  
 28 Health Net generated a "Custom Provider Listing" on February 29, 2016. Once again, however,

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1 none of the providers were able to provide treatment for the Decedent because they either did not  
 2 provide residential treatment or did not provide substance use disorder treatment, only eating  
 3 disorders and other behavioral health disorders.

4       56. In March 2016, the Decedent began treatment again with an out-of-network  
 5 provider. Once again, Health Net denied the claim for the same reason – insufficient information  
 6 – and including the same request for documentation that the Decedent had no ability to provide  
 7 (e.g. the provider's license and certificates).

8       57. Plaintiff again accessed the Health Net website and requested a listing of BH/SUD  
 9 providers. Health Net again provided a Custom Provider Listing on April 13, 2016. Again, none  
 10 of the providers were able to treat the Decedent.

11       58. The Decedent again began treatment with another out-of-network BH/SUD  
 12 provider. This time, Health Net honored the claims and reimbursed the provider at 60% of the  
 13 billed charges, despite the fact that the policy provides for reimbursement at 75% of the billed  
 14 charges. Health Net explained that the out-of-network provider's charges were being reimbursed  
 15 based upon a "negotiated agreement with Multiplan/Viant." This method of reimbursement  
 16 continued for dates of service through May 18, 2016.

17       59. Multiplan, Inc. is a New York corporation and a provider of healthcare cost  
 18 management solutions that contracted with Health Net to negotiate contracts with out-of-network  
 19 providers of BH/SUD services. Health Net, as an undisclosed principal in the contracts between  
 20 Multiplan and the providers, agreed to pay a lesser reimbursement rate for covered services than  
 21 owed under the Policy, in exchange for a promise to expedite payment to the providers.

22       60. After completing his residential treatment, the Decedent sought out a provider of  
 23 outpatient BH/SUD services. Once again, there were no in-network providers able to treat the  
 24 Decedent and he, therefore, sought treatment with an out-of-network provider.

25       61. The Decedent, having successfully completed a 30-day residential treatment, was  
 26 committed to his sobriety and recovery. He aggressively pursued a 90-day outpatient course of  
 27 treatment with an out-of-network provider in Orange County. Health Net would only reimburse  
 28 the provider at approximately 10% of the billed charges, not 75%, based upon a purported

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1 Medicare rate, resulting in a significant debt for the Decedent and Plaintiff.

2       62. On March 30, 2016, Elizabeth Fairchild, Regulatory Affairs Analyst for Health  
 3 Net, tried to explain why Health Net had wrongfully denied the Decedent's claims for BH/SUD  
 4 treatment received through out-of-network providers. Ms. Fairchild stated that the Policy requires  
 5 the insured to satisfy certain financial responsibilities, "such as the payment of any deductible, co-  
 6 payment and co-insurance." She stated that "these obligations are mandatory, and should not be  
 7 waived or forgiven by the provider," and that Health Net had requested that the providers supply  
 8 proof that they collected the appropriate amount. Contrary to Ms. Fairchild's statement, this is not  
 9 a legitimate basis, under the Policy, to deny payment. Furthermore, the Decedent's Policy did not  
 10 call for a deductible; co-payments are only paid for in-network treatment; and any co-insurance  
 11 calculation cannot be done until Health Net states what amount of the billed charges it is going to  
 12 pay, since co-insurance is based upon a percentage of the allowable amount.

13       63. After Plaintiff provided Health Net with proof of cash payments to an out-of-  
 14 network provider, in the amount of \$3,000.00, Ms. Fairchild on behalf of Health Net refused to  
 15 apply those payments to the Decedent's out-of-pocket maximum until it was able to confirm that  
 16 the payments Plaintiff demonstrated had been made were actually received by the provider. Ms.  
 17 Fairchild stated to Plaintiff that Health Net had not received any claims from the provider in order  
 18 to verify the payments. However, the provider by that time had already submitted four claims that  
 19 were ignored by Health Net.

20       64. With respect to the Decedent and Plaintiff's complaints that Health Net's network  
 21 of providers did not include BH/SUD providers able to treat the Decedent, Jasmit B., Appeals and  
 22 Grievances Case Coordinator for Health Net, wrote to Plaintiff on April 13, 2016, that Health Net  
 23 had directed the concerns to its Medical Management Department "so that [Health Net] may  
 24 provide . . . a complete response." Health Net also indicated that a care manager would be  
 25 assigned to coordinate the Decedent's care.

26       65. On May 3, 2016, Miriam T., Appeals and Grievances Case Coordinator for Health  
 27 Net, wrote to the Decedent in an effort to further explain why Health Net had not paid his provider  
 28 or properly credited the \$3,000.00 in cash payments toward his out-of-pocket maximum. Health

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1 Net explained that the matter was being handled by its "Special Claims Department," who advised  
 2 that the claims from the Decedent's provider were "currently being reviewed." Until that review  
 3 was completed, Health Net would not agree to pay the provider or credit the \$3,000.00 toward the  
 4 out-of-pocket maximum.

5       66. Ms. Fairchild on behalf of Health Net again stated on May 25, 2016, that Health  
 6 Net had not received any claims from the Decedent's provider, though she did acknowledge that  
 7 the provider had stated that the claims were submitted electronically on April 27, 2016.

8       67. On June 13, 2016, Ms. Fairchild on behalf of Health Net advised the Decedent that  
 9 his provider with whom he treated in January and February 2016 had finally been released from  
 10 Health Net's investigation and that the provider's claims would be paid.

11       68. Beginning in January 2016, the Decedent and Plaintiff had been requesting of  
 12 Health Net that a care manager be assigned to the Decedent's care. After months of being  
 13 ignored, Ms. Fairchild on behalf of Health Net stated in a letter, dated May 25, 2016, that Sheila  
 14 Armstead had been assigned as a care manager.

15       69. When Plaintiff spoke to Ms. Armstead of Health Net, Ms. Armstead stated that she  
 16 was not a care manager and that she worked in a department that did not have care managers.  
 17 Then Plaintiff received conflicting information from Health Net. One person told her that a care  
 18 manager is only assigned for out-patient treatment. Ms. Armstead told her that care managers are  
 19 only assigned for in-patient treatment. Since the Decedent was still receiving in-patient treatment,  
 20 he should have been assigned a care manager.

21       70. On June 22, 2016, Ms. Fairchild on behalf of Health Net finally acknowledged  
 22 receipt of claims from the Decedent's provider for dates of service in March 2016. However, Ms.  
 23 Fairchild indicated that those claims were still being reviewed (three months later). Ms. Fairchild  
 24 also acknowledged in her letter that, despite its denials, Health Net had authorized the Decedent's  
 25 treatment with his out-of-network provider for dates of service in May and April 2016, and that  
 26 the claims were still under review.

27       71. On July 27, 2016, Ms. Fairchild on behalf of Health Net attempted to explain to  
 28 Plaintiff why the Decedent's out-of-network providers were not being reimbursed at 75% of their

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1       billed charges, but instead at a rate of 190% of a Medicare allowable rate, or approximately 10%  
 2       of the billed charges. Ms. Fairchild stated that the Medicare rate applied to residential treatment  
 3       facilities, outpatient programs and clinical laboratories. This reimbursement methodology left the  
 4       Decedent and Plaintiff, with a significant debt for the provider's balance bill, which Health Net  
 5       stated was the Decedent's obligation despite exhausting his out-of-pocket maximum.

6           72.       Ms. Fairchild on behalf of Health Net explained to Plaintiff, on September 9, 2016,  
 7       that Health Net had "completed their review of all of the claims for [the Decedent]." Health Net  
 8       determined that some claims were paid correctly, "but the disallow code was [incorrect]." Health  
 9       Net also determined that "there were some claims that were actually overpaid," but Health Net  
 10      graciously decided not to ask for the money back. Ultimately, Ms. Fairchild stated that Health  
 11      Net's "review is now concluded," despite the Decedent and Plaintiff having a significant debt  
 12      owed to the out-of-network providers who either were not paid or were paid incorrectly at a  
 13      Medicare rate.

14           73.       Plaintiff had a telephone conversation with Ms. Fairchild of Health Net on  
 15      September 20, 2016, during which she questioned the processing of two separate claims for  
 16      treatment provided by the Decedent's out-of-network provider for dates of service in June and  
 17      August 2016. Despite the provider billing two different services, with two different service codes,  
 18      and two different billed charges, Health Net paid the same Medicare rate. Ms. Fairchild on behalf  
 19      of Health Net claimed, on September 29, 2016, that despite the different service codes, all of the  
 20      out-patient services are processed and paid based upon the Medicare rate, which turns out to be  
 21      approximately 10% of the provider's billed charge.

22           74.       On October 4, 2016, Lauren J., Case Coordinator for Health Net's Appeals and  
 23      Grievances, sent a letter to the Decedent in an attempt to explain why the Decedent's provider for  
 24      dates of services between May 18, 2016 and August 18, 2016, still had not been paid for  
 25      \$116,850.00 in charges. Health Net explained that its "research has been delayed because [Health  
 26      Net] could not obtain complete information necessary for [its] review." Health Net further stated,  
 27      without explanation, that it was delaying payment pending a response from its claims department  
 28      regarding claims submitted by the Decedent's provider "*due to the fact that the services rendered*

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1       *were related to mental health benefits.”*

2           75. Lauren J., Case Coordinator of Appeals and Grievances for Health Net, wrote to  
 3 the Decedent on October 18, 2016, stating that the claims department had responded to its inquiry  
 4 concerning the outstanding billed charges of \$116,850.00, and determined that the claims had been  
 5 processed correctly, even though the provider received approximately 10% of its billed charges,  
 6 instead of the 75% mandated by the policy.

7           76. On October 18, 2016, Ms. Fairchild on behalf of Health Net wrote to Plaintiff to  
 8 address a number of questions. First, she disputed Plaintiff’s statement that Ms. Armstead, who  
 9 Ms. Fairchild confirmed was assigned to the Decedent as a care manager, directed the Decedent to  
 10 his out-of-network provider for the dates of service between May and August 2016. Second, she  
 11 explained that the provider’s claims were processed correctly, though a disallow code had been  
 12 incorrectly used, and that all of the claims for the dates of service between May and August 2016  
 13 had been processed. Third, she explained the reason for the same reimbursement amount being  
 14 paid by Health Net, despite different services being rendered, as being the product of Health Net  
 15 employing a Medicare rate reimbursement methodology. Fourth, she explained why Health Net  
 16 had been paying the Decedent’s providers at 75% of their billed charges prior to February 2016,  
 17 but now at a Medicare rate of approximately 10% of the billed charges. Ms. Fairchild explained  
 18 that Health Net had incorrectly overpaid those claims and that those prior claims also should have  
 19 been paid at a Medicare rate.

20           77. On October 26, 2016, Ms. Fairchild on behalf of Health Net explained why  
 21 Plaintiff had received three different policies. She confirmed that the Decedent had coverage for  
 22 2016 under one Health Net PPO policy, not two different policies, as indicated in a prior letter by  
 23 Ms. Fairchild that she acknowledged was incorrect, and that the initial policy was for the period of  
 24 November 2015 through the end of that year.

25           78. After multiple requests by Plaintiff that Health Net re-process the claims for  
 26 Decedent’s care and pay the claims at 75% of the billed charges, Ms. Fairchild on behalf of Health  
 27 Net wrote to Plaintiff on November 30, 2016, and explained that the Decedent’s 140 claims for  
 28 services rendered by providers had been reviewed and Health Net determined that all of the claims

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had been processed correctly, with the exception of claims for dates of service in January and February, 2016, which Health Net contends were overpaid at 75% of the billed charges. Ms. Fairchild concluded that Health Net would not be re-processing the claims.

4        79.     Health Net had drawn its line in the sand. It refused to reimburse out-of-network  
5 BH/SUD providers at the appropriate rate of 75% of billed charges and, instead, insisted upon  
6 using the inapplicable Medicare-rate methodology. Word was out in the industry and out-of-  
7 network BH/SUD providers refused to treat Health Net insureds.

8        80. As a result of Health Net's wrongful conduct, the Decedent was forced from one  
9 facility to another, precluded from establishing any continuity of care and building a strong  
10 enough foundation upon which to build his recovery, and ultimately succumbed to his disease on  
11 May 6, 2017.

## **HEALTH NET'S WRONGFUL CONDUCT**

13        81.      Health Net's website has at all relevant times offered a feature that allows potential  
14 enrollees to search Health Net's provider networks, and Health Net also allows enrollees to obtain  
15 provider network information over the phone. In addition, Health Net included representations  
16 concerning its provider networks in its marketing, sales, and plan informational materials.

17        82.     In an effort to increase its share of the California health plan market, Health Net  
18 engaged in a fraudulent and deceptive marketing scheme leading up to and during the 2014 Open  
19 Enrollment Period and thereafter, by misrepresenting its provider networks during the open  
20 enrollment periods in order to increase sales of its health plans and concealing that its networks  
21 were significantly more limited than its networks prior to the 2014 Open Enrollment Period.

22 83. Health Net has and maintains an inadequate network of BH/SUD treatment  
23 providers while our nation is grappling with a raging epidemic of substance use disorders.

24        84. Drug overdoses have become the leading cause of death of Americans under age  
25 50, with two-thirds of those deaths from opioids.

26           85. From 1999 to 2015, 568,699 persons died from drug overdoses in the United  
27 States.

28 86. Drug overdose deaths in the United States increased 11.4%, from 2014 to 2015,

1 resulting in 52,404 deaths in 2015, including 33,091 (63.1%) that involved an opioid.

2       87. In 2016, there were 63,632 drug overdose deaths in the United States. Opioids  
3 accounted for 66.4% (42,249) of the deaths, with increases across age groups, racial/ethnic groups,  
4 urbanization levels, and multiple states.

5       88. On average, 115 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose. Drug  
6 overdoses now cause more deaths than either car accidents or guns.

7       89. The opioid crisis has destroyed lives and devastated families. It is the deadliest  
8 drug crisis in United States history and it is only getting worse. In 2016 alone, California lost  
9 1,925 lives to the opioid epidemic.

10      90. In light of this epidemic, between 2014 and 2016, hundreds of out-of-network  
11 BH/SUD providers treated thousands of patients who had PPO policies provided by Health Net,  
12 after verification of benefits by, and prior authorization from, Health Net.

13      91. The Health Net PPO policies covering these patients, like Chase, required  
14 reimbursement at 75% of the covered charge billed by the provider. Up until January 2016,  
15 Health Net had reimbursed out-of-network BH/SUD providers at 75% of their billed charges.  
16 That stopped, and in fact, all payments stopped for out-of-network BH/SUD services when Health  
17 Net instituted its groundless dragnet SIU investigation.

18      92. Health Net wrote the language in its PPO Policy that requires reimbursement at  
19 75% of billed charges because it wanted to increase its membership and premium dollars after  
20 implementation of the ACA, but when it came time to pay claims under those PPO policies,  
21 Health Net refused to honor its obligations because Health Net wanted to show a greater net value  
22 increase its sales price for an anticipated acquisition by Centene that was completed in March  
23 2016.

24      93. Health Net had explored the market for a suitor for two years before its 2016  
25 merger with Centene. Health Net CEO Jay Gellert and Centene CEO Michael Neidorff first met  
26 in November 2014, to discuss a potential merger, but did not initiate negotiations. Health Net  
27 apparently spoke with two other interested buyers in the beginning of 2015, but those negotiations  
28 stalled.

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1       94. In May 2015, Health Net reported its first-quarter profits had edged slightly  
 2 upward. More notable was Health Net's swelling membership, the result of the ACA and a  
 3 generous policy form that provided reimbursement levels greater than its competitors. Individual  
 4 membership climbed 74% to 360,000. Health Net's first-quarter revenue jumped 28% to \$3.9  
 5 billion. Net income increased 4% to \$30 million, equaling a 0.8% profit margin.

6       95. After the positive financial report, Centene returned to Health Net and negotiations  
 7 began in earnest in June 2015. On July 2, 2015, Health Net announced that it had entered into a  
 8 merger agreement with Centene under which Centene would acquire all of the issued and  
 9 outstanding shares of Health Net. In October 2015, Health Net's stockholders voted to approve the  
 10 adoption of the merger agreement with Centene. When the deal was finalized, it was valued at  
 11 \$6.8 billion. Health Net's CEO received a golden parachute worth \$54 million and the CFO  
 12 received a golden parachute of \$23.4 million.

13       96. In January 2016, Health Net abruptly stopped paying out-of-network BH/SUD  
 14 claims. Health Net sent a letter to numerous out-of-network BH/SUD treatment facilities in  
 15 California, outlining a "number of potential concerns" about "false and/or fraudulent claims,"  
 16 followed by more letters in February and March to out-of-network BH/SUD facilities and to  
 17 patients, requesting proof that the providers had collected the patient's deductibles, co-pays or co-  
 18 insurance.

19       97. By March 2016, Health Net had developed a scheme to underpay the out-of-  
 20 network BH/SUD claims by implementing institutional policies and procedures that instructed its  
 21 claims personnel to refer out-of-network BH/SUD claims for special handling and, if cleared for  
 22 payment, to not pay out-of-network BH/SUD claims at 75% of billed charges, as required by the  
 23 Policy, and to instead use the inapplicable Medicare reimbursement rate.

24       98. In July 2016, Centene was forced to disclose to its shareholders that Health Net had  
 25 incurred **\$390 million** in liabilities for out-of-network BH/SUD claims, which existed as of the  
 26 March 24, 2016 merger date, but had not been properly accounted for and disclosed. The  
 27 increased liabilities were greater than Health Net's entire pre-tax annual earnings in recent years,  
 28 making clear that Health Net's earnings had been vastly overstated. Centene was forced to record

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1 these increased liabilities in filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and  
 2 Health Net's revenue and income were both reduced drastically, prompting Centene to request  
 3 premium increases and benefit design changes, including reductions in reimbursement for out-of-  
 4 network BH/SUD services.

5       99.      Centene and Health Net worked feverishly to control the bad publicity. On July 26,  
 6 2016, for instance, during an analyst call, Centene CFO Jeffrey Schwaenke, discussing losses from  
 7 Health Net-related out-of-network BH/SUD claims in California said, “[w]e have taken steps to  
 8 mitigate the substance abuse treatment center cost in the individual commercial business in  
 9 California including modifications to plan design,” and that Centene was “actively working” to  
 10 “ensure we maintain a competitive individual commercial product in 2017.”

11       100.     Centene CEO Michael Neidorff added in that same analyst call that Centene was  
 12 “being very aggressive in fixing it.” He explained further that Centene was “working with the  
 13 state at the highest levels to redesign the PPO product. There were major flaws in it, and we  
 14 corrected that.” Later, he reiterated that, “the behavioral issue is being dealt with with [sic] the  
 15 benefit designs.” Mr. Neidorff explained that the Health Net PPO plans had “product design  
 16 issues,” but insisted, “[w]e’re closing – I don’t want to call it loopholes – some openings.”

17       101.     On July 28, 2016, appearance on the CNBC show, “Mad Money,” Mr. Neidorff  
 18 responded to a question regarding losses in Health Net’s California business by stating, “we have  
 19 an issue there … that the individual PPO had a bad product design.”

20       102.     Further, during another analyst call on October 23, 2016, Mr. Neidorff returned to  
 21 the issue of the design flaws in Health Net’s PPO Policy and Centene’s efforts to fix them. He  
 22 detailed some of the key changes, including “the first time inclusion of an out-of-network  
 23 deductible for platinum and gold plans,” a “significant increase in the out-of-network maximum  
 24 out-of-pocket level,” the “elimination of non-emergent out-of-state coverage and travel network  
 25 access,” the “elimination of the default rate of 75% of billed charges to out-of-network services  
 26 that do not have a Medicare rate,” and “restrictions on third-party premium payments, which were  
 27 not included in the original 2016 offering.”

28       103.     Speaking further about Health Net’s PPO plan prior to 2017, Mr. Neidorff said,

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1 "when you look at ... the out-of-network coverage, the benefit design they had before without the  
 2 Medicare Maximum and the other issues where there was a percent of billed charges, basically  
 3 out-of-network providers could do what they wanted and we are liable at a time for 75% of billed  
 4 charges 'til they change their certificate of coverage."

5       104. In addition, at the Morgan Stanley Global Health Care Conference on September  
 6 13, 2016, Mr. Neidorff stated that Centene had "dealt with" its losses and liabilities for Health Net  
 7 out-of-network BH/SUD claims in California by "chang[ing] the benefit level," and said it was  
 8 working to "fix the PPO in California." He added, "[t]here were some design flaws that were just  
 9 so obvious to those of us who have been doing it for a long time. Those have been fixed." Mr.  
 10 Neidorff went on to explain some of the "design flaws" in the Health Net PPO Policy that had led  
 11 to its liability for out-of-network BH/SUD claims in California:

12           There were not the incentives. A PPO is designed to give people an  
 13 option to go out of network, but really it should be designed to  
 14 encourage people to stay in network. This had none of that. There  
 15 were no caps on maximum allowances. We had the most liberal – or  
 16 Health Net had the most liberal PPO out there, which encouraged  
 adverse selection. ... But we knew we had the prior purchase  
 accounting methodology to deal with it. And we knew what it would  
 take to fix it. And that's just what we have been doing, very  
 methodically. And we're very comfortable.

17       105. Health Net knew it had a "bad product" that provided generous levels of  
 18 reimbursement for out-of-network BH/SUD claims. By withholding payments to hundreds of  
 19 facilities for thousands of claims worth tens of millions of dollars, beginning in January 2016,  
 20 Health Net was able to contrive a reduction in liabilities that improved the overall equity of Health  
 21 Net and its value to Centene pre-merger, thereby improving Health Net's sale price to Centene.

22       106. Furthermore, Centene states in its financial disclosure, "if the accounting for the  
 23 business combination is incomplete, provisional amounts are recorded ... up to one year from the  
 24 acquisition date." In essence, by delaying, disputing and withholding payments to substance use  
 25 treatment facilities, Centene was able to smooth out its profit over the four quarters post-merger.  
 26 Health Net's SIU investigation in effect allowed Centene to prop up its profits until the out-of  
 27 network BH/SUD claims trapped in the audit are "resolved" in subsequent quarters.

28       107. Health Net initiated an SIU audit as a pretext to allow Health Net to artificially

1 depress its liabilities (the out-of-network BH/SUD claims), increase its pre-merger equity, and to  
2 allow Centene to spread the unaccounted for liabilities across the post-merger quarters.

3       108. Health Net and Centene furthered this deceptive, fraudulent, bad faith scheme by  
4 substantially reducing the reimbursement for substance use treatment, in March 2016, when  
5 Health Net implemented its policies and procedures with instructions to not pay out-of-network  
6 BH/SUD claims at 75% of billed charges, and to instead use an inapplicable Medicare  
7 reimbursement rate.

8       109. All of this was designed to increase the value of the merger and executive bonuses  
9 at the expense of insured members in need of BH/SUD services and the providers of such services.

10      110. At the Wells Fargo Securities Healthcare Conference, on September 7, 2016,  
11 Centene's Vice President of Finance, Edmund E. Kroll, admitted that Health Net had wrongfully  
12 denied many of the out-of-network BH/SUD claims:

13             [Health Net] denied a lot of claims that [Centene] determined should  
14 be on the books [because] ... they were owed.

15      111. Through its conduct of misrepresenting provider networks, failing to maintain  
16 adequate provider networks, initiating a groundless dragnet SIU investigation and refusal to  
17 reimburse out-of-network BH/SUD claims to unduly restrict the availability of out-of-network  
18 providers, and reimbursing out-of-network BH/SUD claims with an inapplicable Medicare  
19 reimbursement rate in contravention of the express Policy terms, Health Net violated the  
20 California Insurance Code and implementing regulations, the MHPAEA, the UCL and the CLRA.

#### CLASS ALLEGATIONS

22      112. This action is brought on behalf of Plaintiff individually as successor in interest to  
23 Chase Frei, and on behalf of the Class, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 382 and Civil  
24 Code section 1781. Plaintiff seeks to represent the following Class:

25             All California residents who purchased a Health Net PPO Policy on or after October 1,  
26 2013, and prior to 2017.

27      113. Plaintiff reserves the right under Rule 3.765(b) of the California Rules of Court to  
28 amend or modify the class description with greater specificity, by further division into subclasses

1 or by limitation to particular issues.

2       114. The proposed Class is composed of thousands of persons dispersed throughout the  
3 State of California and joinder is impractical. The precise number and identity of Class Members  
4 are unknown to Plaintiff but can be obtained from Health Net's records.

5       115. There are questions of law and fact common to members of the Class, which  
6 predominate over questions affecting only individual Class Members.

7       116. Plaintiff is a member of the Class and Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of  
8 the Class.

9       117. Plaintiff is willing and prepared to serve the Court and the proposed Class in a  
10 representative capacity. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class and  
11 have no interests adverse to or which conflict with the interests of the other members of the Class.

12       118. The self-interest of Plaintiff is co-extensive with and not antagonistic to those of  
13 absent Class members. Plaintiff will undertake to represent and protect the interests of absent  
14 Class members.

15       119. Plaintiff has engaged the services of counsel indicated below who are experienced  
16 in complex class litigation, will adequately prosecute this action, and will assert and protect the  
17 rights of and otherwise represent Plaintiff and absent Class Members.

18       120. The prosecution of separate actions by individual Class Members would create a  
19 risk of inconsistency and varying adjudications, establishing incompatible standards of conduct for  
20 Health Net.

21       121. Health Net has acted on grounds generally applicable to the Class, thereby making  
22 relief with respect to the members of the Class as a whole appropriate.

23       122. A class action is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient  
24 adjudication of this controversy. Prosecution of the complaint as a class action will provide  
25 redress for individual claims too small to support the expense of complex litigation and reduce the  
26 possibility of repetitious litigation.

27       123. Plaintiff does not anticipate any unusual or difficult management problems with the  
28 pursuit of this Complaint as a class action.

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## **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

## **Violations of Business & Professions Code Section 17200, et seq. – the UCL**

## **As Against All Defendants**

124. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each of the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

125. The UCL prohibits acts of "unfair competition," which is defined by Business and Professions Code section 17200 as including "any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice ...."

9           126. Health Net's conduct, and the conduct of DOES 1 through 100, as described above,  
10 constitutes unlawful business acts and practices.

11        127. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100 have violated and continue to violate the  
12 UCL's prohibition against engaging in "unlawful" business acts or practices, by, among other  
13 things, violating provisions of the California Insurance Code and implementing regulations, the  
14 MHPAEA, and the CLRA by the conduct alleged herein, including but not limited to:

15 a. By misrepresenting the providers that would be in-network under Plaintiff  
16 and Class Members' PPO Policies, Health Net's advertisements are not "truthful" and are  
17 "misleading in fact or in implication" in violation of 10 CCR § 2536.1(b).

18           b.       By misrepresenting the providers that would be in-network under Plaintiff  
19 and Class Members' PPO Policies and by misrepresenting the size of the available provider  
20 networks, Health Net is failing to "provide, in easily understood language and in a uniform,  
21 clearly organized manner" information about the PPO Policies, including the "principal benefits  
22 and coverage of the disability insurance policy" and the "exceptions, reductions, and limitations  
23 that apply to such policy" in violation of Insurance Code sections 10603(a)(1) and 10604(a).

24 c. By misrepresenting the providers that would be in-network under Plaintiff  
25 and Class Members' PPO Policies, Health Net's Policies are not "fair and reasonable" and  
26 "inconsistent with standards of good health care and clinically appropriate care" in violation of  
27 Insurance Code section 10133.5.

28 d. By misrepresenting the providers that would be in-network under Plaintiff's

1 and Class Members' PPO Policies, Health Net has failed to "ensure that ... [n]etwork providers  
 2 are duly licensed or accredited and that they are sufficient, in number or size, to be capable of  
 3 furnishing the health care services covered by the insurance contract, taking into account the  
 4 number of covered persons, their characteristics and medical needs including the frequency of  
 5 accessing needed medical care within the prescribed geographic distances outlined herein and the  
 6 projected demand for services by type of services" in violation of 10 CCR § 2240.1(b)(1).

7               e.       By refusing to provide continuity of care with a patient's physician for an  
 8 acute condition, serious chronic condition, pregnancy, terminal illness, a newborn child, or  
 9 performance of surgery to consumers during their course of treatment, Health Net is failing to  
 10 provide covered services in violation of Insurance Code section 10133.56.

11               f.       By implementing policies and procedures applicable only to BH/SUD  
 12 services and required reimbursement of such services at inapplicable Medicare reimbursement  
 13 rates, Health Net violated the MHPAEA, and Insurance Code section 10112.27.

14               g.       By engaging in the conduct alleged herein, Health Net's conduct also  
 15 violates the CLRA.

16       128. Plaintiff and Class Members have suffered injury in fact and lost money and  
 17 property as a result of Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's unlawful business acts and practices  
 18 by, among other things, receiving lesser coverage under their PPO Policies, paying unexpected  
 19 out-of-pocket costs and inflated premiums, and paying out-of-pocket costs and premium amounts  
 20 in excess of what would have been paid if Health Net and DOES 1 through 100 had accurately  
 21 disclosed its provider networks.

22       129. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's conduct does not benefit consumers or  
 23 competition. Indeed the injury to consumers and competition is substantial.

24       130. Plaintiff and Class Members could not have reasonably avoided the injury each of  
 25 them suffered.

26       131. The gravity of the consequences of Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's conduct  
 27 as described above outweighs any justification, motive or reason therefor and is immoral,  
 28 unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous, and offends established public policy delineated in California

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1 law, the Insurance Code and implementing regulations.

2 132. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's acts as described above constitute  
3 fraudulent business practices under the UCL.

4 133. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's misleading and fraudulent representations,  
5 advertising, marketing, and communications are likely to deceive reasonable California  
6 consumers. Plaintiff and Class Members were deceived regarding the provider networks and  
7 Health Net's other misrepresentations and omissions as more fully described herein.

8 134. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's misrepresentations and omissions were  
9 material and were a substantial factor in Plaintiff's and Class Members' decisions to enroll in and  
10 renew their PPO Policies. Such acts are fraudulent business acts and practices.

11 135. These acts and practices resulted in and caused Plaintiff and Class Members to pay  
12 more for their health plans than they would have absent Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's  
13 fraud.

14 136. Plaintiff and Class Members have been injured by Health Net and DOES 1 through  
15 100's fraudulent business acts and practices by receiving lesser coverage under their PPO Policies.

16 137. As a result of Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's violations of the UCL,  
17 Plaintiff seeks an order of this Court enjoining Health Net's continued violations. Plaintiff also  
18 seeks an order for restitution of all monies paid for Health Net PPO Policies in an amount  
19 reflecting the difference in the value of the PPO Policies with the providers as misrepresented at  
20 any time since October 1, 2013, and the value of the PPO Policies with the actual reduced provider  
21 networks.

22 138. Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled to recover attorney fees and costs  
23 pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, as they are the catalyst for enforcement of  
24 important rights affecting the public interest that confer a significant benefit on the general public.

25 139. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's conduct described herein was intended to  
26 cause injury to Plaintiff and the Class Members, and was despicable conduct carried on by Health  
27 Net and DOES 1 through 100 with a willful and conscious disregard of the rights of Plaintiff and  
28 the Class Members, subjected Plaintiff and the Class Members to cruel and unjust hardship in

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1 conscious disregard of their rights, and was an intentional misrepresentation, deceit, or  
2 concealment of material facts known to the Health Net and DOES 1 through 100 with the  
3 intention to deprive Plaintiff and the Class Members property, legal rights or to otherwise cause  
4 injury, such as to constitute malice, oppression or fraud under Civil Code section 3294, thereby  
5 entitling Plaintiff and the Class Members to punitive damages in an amount appropriate to punish  
6 or set an example of Health Net and DOES 1 through 100.

7       140. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's conduct described herein was undertaken by  
8 their officers or managing agents, and was therefore undertaken on behalf of Health Net. Health  
9 Net further had advance knowledge of the actions and conduct of said individuals whose actions  
10 and conduct were ratified, authorized, and approved by managing agents whose precise identities  
11 are unknown to Plaintiff at this time and are therefore identified and designated herein as DOES 1  
12 through 100.

**SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

**Violations of Business & Professions Code § 17500, et seq. —**

**the California False Advertising Law**

**As Against All Defendants**

17        141. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each of the preceding paragraphs as though fully  
18 set forth herein.

19        142. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100 violated California's False Advertising Law  
20 (Bus. and Prof. Code § 17500, et seq.) by making false and misleading representations in  
21 advertising, marketing, and communications regarding provider networks and making other  
22 misrepresentations and omissions as more fully described herein.

23        143. These representations have deceived and are likely to deceive Plaintiff and the  
24 Class Members in connection with their decision to purchase their PPO Policies. Health Net and  
25 DOES 1 through 100's representations also have deceived and are likely to deceive Plaintiff and  
26 the Class Members with respect to the expected costs they would be spending out-of-pocket under  
27 their PPO Policies. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's representations were material and were  
28 a substantial and material factor in Plaintiff's and the Class Members' decisions to purchase their

1 PPO Policies. Had Plaintiff and the Class Members known the actual facts, they would not have  
 2 purchased the PPO Policies and paid out-of-pocket costs and premiums in excess of what they  
 3 would have paid if Health Net and DOES 1 through 100 had accurately disclosed provider  
 4 networks and the real terms, coverage and benefits provided by the PPO Policies.

5       144. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100 directly and indirectly, have engaged in  
 6 substantially similar conduct with respect to Plaintiff and to each of the Class Members.

7       145. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100, and each of them, aided and abetted,  
 8 encouraged and rendered substantial assistance in accomplishing the wrongful conduct and their  
 9 wrongful goals and other wrongdoing complained of herein. In taking action, as particularized  
 10 herein, to aid and abet and substantially assist the commission of these wrongful acts and other  
 11 wrongdoings complained of, each of the Defendants acted with an awareness of his/her/its primary  
 12 wrongdoing and realized that his/her/its conduct would substantially assist the accomplishment of  
 13 the wrongful conduct, wrongful goals, and wrongdoing.

14       146. Plaintiff and the Class Members have suffered injury by Health Net and DOES 1  
 15 through 100's violation of Business and Professions Code section 17500, et seq.

16       147. As a result of Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's violations of the Business and  
 17 Professions Code section 17500, Plaintiff and the Class Members seek an order of this Court  
 18 enjoining Health Net's continued violations. Plaintiff and the Class Members also seek an order  
 19 for restitution of all monies paid for Health Net PPO Policies in an amount reflecting the  
 20 difference in the value of the PPO Policies with the providers as misrepresented at any time since  
 21 October 1, 2013 and the value of the PPO Policies with the actual reduced provider networks.

22       148. Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled to recover attorney fees and costs  
 23 pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, as they are the catalyst for enforcement of  
 24 important rights affecting the public interest that confer a significant benefit on the general public.

25       149. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's conduct described herein was intended to  
 26 cause injury to Plaintiff and the Class Members, and was despicable conduct carried on by Health  
 27 Net and DOES 1 through 100 with a willful and conscious disregard of the rights of Plaintiff and  
 28 the Class Members, subjected Plaintiff and the Class Members to cruel and unjust hardship in

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1 conscious disregard of their rights, and was an intentional misrepresentation, deceit, or  
2 concealment of material facts known to the Health Net and DOES 1 through 100 with the  
3 intention to deprive Plaintiff and the Class Members property, legal rights or to otherwise cause  
4 injury, such as to constitute malice, oppression or fraud under Civil Code section 3294, thereby  
5 entitling Plaintiff and the Class Members to punitive damages in an amount appropriate to punish  
6 or set an example of Health Net and DOES 1 through 100.

7       150. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's conduct described herein was undertaken by  
8 their officers or managing agents, and was therefore undertaken on behalf of Health Net. Health  
9 Net further had advance knowledge of the actions and conduct of said individuals whose actions  
10 and conduct were ratified, authorized, and approved by managing agents whose precise identities  
11 are unknown to Plaintiff at this time and are therefore identified and designated herein as DOES 1  
12 through 100.

### **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

## **Violations of Civil Code § 1750, et seq. -- the CLRA**

## **As Against All Defendants**

16        151. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each of the preceding paragraphs as though fully  
17 set forth herein.

18        152. Under Civil Code section 1770, subdivision (a), of the CLRA, the following “unfair  
19 methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices undertaken by any person in a  
20 transaction intended to result or which results in the sale or lease of goods or services to any  
21 consumer are unlawful”:

22           a.     “Representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval,  
23 characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities which they do not have or that a person  
24 has a sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation, or connection which he or she does not have.” Civ.  
25 Code § 1770(a)(5).

26 b. "Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised."  
27 Civ. Code § 1770(a)(9).

c. "Representing that a transaction confers or involves rights, remedies, or

1 obligations which it does not have or involve, or which are prohibited by law.” Civ. Code §  
2 1770(a)(14).

3 d. “Inserting an unconscionable provision in the contract. Civ. Code §  
4 1770(a)(19).

5 153. Here, in connection with Health Net engaging in the initial offering and monthly  
6 transactions with consumers that were intended to result, or actually resulted in, the sale of  
7 services, Health Net and DOES 1 through 100 have violated the CLRA, Civil Code section 1770,  
8 subdivisions (a)(5), (a)(9), (a)(14), and (a)(19) by:

9 a. Representing that its PPO Policies have provider network characteristics  
10 and other terms and benefits which they do not have.

11 b. Advertising its PPO Policies as having provider network characteristics and  
12 other terms and benefits with the intent not to sell them as advertised.

13 c. Representing that a transaction confers or involves provider network rights,  
14 remedies, or obligations which they do not have.

15 d. Adopting unconscionable contract provisions implementing inadequate  
16 provider networks, and concealing material terms of the coverage.

17 154. Such acts and practices were designed or intended by Health Net to convince Class  
18 Members to initially purchase and renew their PPO Policies each month. The CLRA “shall be  
19 liberally construed and applied to promote its underlying purposes, which are to protect consumers  
20 against unfair and deceptive business practices and to provide efficient and economical procedures  
21 to secure such protection.” For purposes of the CLRA, a “[t]ransaction’ means an agreement  
22 between a consumer and any other person, whether or not the agreement is a contract enforceable  
23 by action, and includes the making of, and the performance pursuant to, that agreement.” Civil  
24 Code § 1761(e). Here, the “transactions” at issue governed by the CLRA include both the original  
25 sale and the renewals of the its PPO Policies made and entered into by Health Net, Plaintiff and  
26 the Class Members, as well as Health Net’s performance of its obligations under such its PPO  
27 Policies. In making decisions whether to initially purchase and renew their its PPO Policies, and  
28 pay the rates imposed by Health Net, Plaintiff and the Class Members reasonably acted in positive

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1 response to Health Net's misrepresentations as set forth in detail herein, or would have considered  
 2 the omitted facts detailed herein material to their decisions to do so.

3       155. Section 1761, subdivision (b), of the CLRA defines "services" as "work, labor, and  
 4 services for other than a commercial or business use, including services furnished in connection  
 5 with the sale or repair of goods." Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's ongoing "work and  
 6 labor" to establish, maintain, and improve BH/SUD provider networks is the core of the PPO  
 7 Policies at issue here.

8       156. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100 violated the CLRA by committing unfair and  
 9 deceptive acts that directly undermined Plaintiff' and the Class Members' ability to access the  
 10 provider networks. Health Net's unfair and deceptive acts increased patient costs when accessing  
 11 provider networks and unilaterally reduced treatments and services available from those provider  
 12 networks.

13       157. Plaintiff and the Class Members have suffered harm as a result of these violations.  
 14 Plaintiff and the Class Members purchased and renewed PPO Policies, reasonably relying on  
 15 Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's material misrepresentations, among other things, that  
 16 certain providers would be in-network. Plaintiff and the Class Members have also suffered  
 17 transactional costs by expending time and resources in the form of correspondence and telephone  
 18 conversations in an attempt to avoid the consequences of Health Net's unfair methods of  
 19 competition and unfair or deceptive acts. Plaintiff and the Class Members have also suffered  
 20 opportunity costs by foregoing the opportunity to switch to other coverage offered by other  
 21 companies during the open enrollment periods.

22       158. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's misrepresentations and omissions described  
 23 herein were intentional, or alternatively, made without the use of reasonable procedures adopted to  
 24 avoid such an error.

25       159. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100, directly or indirectly, have engaged in  
 26 substantially similar conduct to Plaintiff and to each of the Class Members.

27       160. Such wrongful actions and conduct are ongoing and continuing. Unless Health Net  
 28 and DOES 1 through 100 are enjoined from continuing to engage in such wrongful actions and

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1 conduct, the public will continue to be harmed by Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's conduct.

2       161. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100, and each of them, aided and abetted,  
3 encouraged, and rendered substantial assistance in accomplishing the wrongful conduct and their  
4 wrongful goals and other wrongdoing complained of herein. In taking action, as particularized  
5 herein, to aid and abet and substantially assist the commission of these wrongful acts and other  
6 wrongdoings complained of, Health Net and DOES 1 through 100 each acted with an awareness  
7 of his/her/its primary wrongdoing and realized that his/her/its conduct would substantially assist  
8 the accomplishment of the wrongful conduct, wrongful goals, and wrongdoing.

9       162. Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to an injunction, pursuant to Civil Code section  
10 1780, prohibiting Health Net from continuing to engage in the above-described violations of the  
11 CLRA.

12       163. Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled to recover attorney fees and costs  
13 pursuant to Civil Code section 1780(d).

14       164. Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled to recover attorney fees and costs  
15 pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, as they are the catalyst for enforcement of  
16 important rights affecting the public interest that confer a significant benefit on the general public.

17       165. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's conduct described herein was intended to  
18 cause injury to Plaintiff and the Class Members, and was despicable conduct carried on by Health  
19 Net and DOES 1 through 100 with a willful and conscious disregard of the rights of Plaintiff and  
20 the Class Members, subjected Plaintiff and the Class Members to cruel and unjust hardship in  
21 conscious disregard of their rights, and was an intentional misrepresentation, deceit, or  
22 concealment of material facts known to the Health Net and DOES 1 through 100 with the  
23 intention to deprive Plaintiff and the Class Members property, legal rights or to otherwise cause  
24 injury, such as to constitute malice, oppression or fraud under Civil Code section 3294, thereby  
25 entitling Plaintiff and the Class Members to punitive damages in an amount appropriate to punish  
26 or set an example of Health Net and DOES 1 through 100.

27       166. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's conduct described herein was undertaken by  
28 their officers or managing agents, and was therefore undertaken on behalf of Health Net. Health

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1 Net further had advance knowledge of the actions and conduct of said individuals whose actions  
2 and conduct were ratified, authorized, and approved by managing agents whose precise identities  
3 are unknown to Plaintiff at this time and are therefore identified and designated herein as DOES 1  
4 through 100.

5 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

6 **Breach of Contract**

7 **As Against All Defendants**

8 167. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each of the preceding paragraphs as though fully  
9 set forth herein.

10 168. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100 owe duties and obligations to Plaintiff and the  
11 Class Members under the PPO Policies at issue.

12 169. By misrepresenting provider networks, denying coverage or paying less for medical  
13 services on the basis that services were provided by an out-of-network provider, Health Net and  
14 DOES 1 through 100 have uniformly breached the terms and provisions of the PPO Policies  
15 entered into with Plaintiff and the Class Members.

16 170. As a direct and proximate result of Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's conduct  
17 and breach of contractual obligations, Plaintiff and the Class Members suffered damages under the  
18 PPO Policies in an amount to be determined according to proof at the time of trial.

19 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

20 **Breach of the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing**

21 **As Against All Defendants**

22 171. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each of the preceding paragraphs as though fully  
23 set forth herein.

24 172. Through its conduct of misrepresenting provider networks, failing to maintain  
25 adequate provider networks, initiating a groundless dragnet SIU investigation and refusal to  
26 reimburse out-of-network BH/SUD claims to unduly restrict the availability of out-of-network  
27 providers, and reimbursing out-of-network BH/SUD claims with an inapplicable Medicare  
28 reimbursement rate in contravention of the express Policy terms, Health Net and DOES 1 through

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1 100 have breached their duty of good faith and fair dealing owed to Plaintiff and the Class  
 2 Members.

3 173. Plaintiff allege that Health Net and DOES 1 through 100 have breached their duty  
 4 of good faith and fair dealing owed to Plaintiff and the Class Members by other acts or omissions  
 5 of which Plaintiff is presently unaware and which will be shown according to proof at trial.

6 174. As a proximate result of the aforementioned unreasonable and bad faith conduct of  
 7 Health Net and DOES 1 through 100, Plaintiff and the Class Members have suffered, and will  
 8 continue to suffer in the future, damages under the PPO Policies, plus interest, and other  
 9 economic, non-economic and consequential damages, in an amount to be proven at trial.

10 175. As a further proximate result of the unreasonable and bad faith conduct of Health  
 11 Net and DOES 1 through 100, Plaintiff and the Class Members were compelled to retain legal  
 12 counsel and to institute litigation to obtain the benefits due under the contracts. Therefore,  
 13 Defendants are liable for those attorney fees, witness fees and litigation costs reasonably incurred  
 14 in order for Plaintiff to obtain the benefits owed under the PPO Policies.

15 176. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's conduct described herein was intended to  
 16 cause injury to Plaintiff and the Class Members, and was despicable conduct carried on by Health  
 17 Net and DOES 1 through 100 with a willful and conscious disregard of the rights of Plaintiff and  
 18 the Class Members, subjected Plaintiff and the Class Members to cruel and unjust hardship in  
 19 conscious disregard of their rights, and was an intentional misrepresentation, deceit, or  
 20 concealment of material facts known to the Health Net and DOES 1 through 100 with the  
 21 intention to deprive Plaintiff and the Class Members property, legal rights or to otherwise cause  
 22 injury, such as to constitute malice, oppression or fraud under Civil Code section 3294, thereby  
 23 entitling Plaintiff and the Class Members to punitive damages in an amount appropriate to punish  
 24 or set an example of Health Net and DOES 1 through 100.

25 177. Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's conduct described herein was undertaken by  
 26 their officers or managing agents, and was therefore undertaken on behalf of Health Net. Health  
 27 Net further had advance knowledge of the actions and conduct of said individuals whose actions  
 28 and conduct were ratified, authorized, and approved by managing agents whose precise identities

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1 are unknown to Plaintiff at this time and are therefore identified and designated herein as DOES 1  
2 through 100.

3 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

4 **Declaratory Relief**

5 **As Against All Defendants**

6 178. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each of the preceding paragraphs as though fully  
7 set forth herein.

8 179. An actual controversy has arisen between Plaintiff and the Class Members on the  
9 one hand, and Health Net and DOES 1 through 100 on the other hand, as to their respective rights  
10 and obligations under the PPO Policies. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class Members contend  
11 that Health Net and DOES 1 through 100's conduct of misrepresenting provider networks, failing  
12 to maintain adequate provider networks, initiating a groundless dragnet SIU investigation and  
13 refusal to reimburse out-of-network BH/SUD claims to unduly restrict the availability of out-of-  
14 network providers, and reimbursing out-of-network BH/SUD claims with an inapplicable  
15 Medicare reimbursement rate in contravention of the express Policy terms, is prohibited by  
16 California law, whereas Health Net and DOES 1 through 100 contend that their conduct was  
17 proper.

18 180. Plaintiff seeks a declaration as to the respective rights and obligations of the  
19 parties.

20 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

21 Plaintiff individually as successor in interest to Chase Frei, and on behalf of the Class,  
22 prays for relief as follows:

- 23 1. An Order certifying the proposed Class pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section  
24 382 and Civil Code section 1780 et seq. and appointing Plaintiff to represent the proposed Class  
25 and designating their counsel as Class Counsel;
- 26 2. An Order enjoining Health Net from continuing to engage in the conduct described  
27 herein;
- 28 3. An Order awarding Plaintiff and the Class restitution and such other relief as the

1 Court deems proper;

2           4. An Order awarding Plaintiff and the Class damages for misrepresenting provider  
3 networks and failure to provide coverage under the contracts, plus interest, including prejudgment  
4 interest, and other economic and consequential damages, in a sum to be determined at the time of  
5 trial;

6       5. An Order awarding Plaintiff and the Class punitive and exemplary damages in an  
7 amount appropriate to punish or set an example of Defendants;

8       6. An Order declaring the rights and obligations of Plaintiff and the Class Members,  
9 on the one hand, and Health Net, on the other, with regard to the business practices alleged;

10           7. An Order awarding Plaintiff's attorney fees, costs and expenses as authorized by  
11 applicable law; and

12 8. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

**JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

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9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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11 PATRICIA MITCHELL, individually as  
successor in interest to Chase Frei,  
and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

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13 Plaintiff,  
14 v.  
15 HEALTH NET, INC., a Delaware  
corporation;  
16 HEALTH NET LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, a California corporation;  
17 HEALTH NET OF CALIFORNIA, INC., a  
California corporation;  
18 MANAGED HEALTH NETWORK, INC., a  
Delaware corporation;  
19 CENTENE CORPORATION, a Delaware  
corporation; and DOES 1 through 100,  
inclusive,

20  
21 Defendants.

CASE NO.

DECLARATION OF PATRICIA  
MITCHELL RE: SUCCESSOR IN  
INTEREST TO CHASE FREI

Complaint Filed:  
Trial Date:

1 I, Patricia Mitchell, declare:

2 1. I am the mother of Chase Frei ("Decedent").

3 2. Decedent died on May 6, 2017, Orange County, California. A certified copy of  
4 Decedent's death certificate is attached hereto.

5 3. No proceeding is now pending in California for the administration of Decedent's  
6 estate.

7 4. I am Decedent's successor in interest as defined by Code of Civil Procedure section  
8 377.11, and as provided by Insurance Code section 10130 and Probate Code section 6402, and  
9 succeeds to Decedent's interests in this action.

10 5. No other person has a superior right to commence this action or to be substituted  
11 for Decedent in this action.

12 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the

13 foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018, at Livermore, California.

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## STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

## COUNTY OF ORANGE

## HEALTH CARE AGENCY

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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STATE FILE NUMBER		FIRI OF CALIFORNIA		LOCAL REGISTRATION NUMBER	
1. NAME OF DECEASED - FIRST, MIDDLE CHASE		2. MIDDLE TRISTEN JOSEPH		3. LAST, FATHER FREI	
4. DEATH IN ORIGIN COUNTRY CA		5. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 820-76-7733		6. LEAP FOR LIFE ARMED FORCES <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	
7. EDUCATION - highest completed HS GRADUATE		8. U.S. MAIL DOCUMENT REHABILITATION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		9. DATE OF DEATH 05/06/2017	
10. MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION - type of care or plan of care COUNSELOR		11. RACE WHITE		12. PLACE OF BURIAL OR BURNT RECOVERY	
13. DECEASED'S PLACE OF BIRTH AND PLACE OF DEATH 2007 CALLE ALEGRIA		14. COUNTIES OF DEATH ORANGE		15. ZIP CODE 92633	
16. DECEASED'S MARRIAGE STATUS PATRICIA MITCHELL, MOTHER		17. DECEASED'S MARRIAGE STATUS JOSEPH		18. DECEASED'S MARRIAGE STATUS MANGANO	
19. DECEASED'S MARRIAGE STATUS ERNEST		20. DECEASED'S MARRIAGE STATUS PATRICIA		21. DECEASED'S MARRIAGE STATUS JEAN	
22. DEATH DATE 05/12/2017		23. PLACE OF FINAL DISPOSITION RES MOTHER PATRICIA MITCHELL 5360 STARFLOWER WAY, LIVERMORE, CA 94531		24. DEATH DATE 05/10/2017	
25. TYPE OF AUTOPSY CR/RES		26. SIGNATURE OF MEDICAL EXAMINER NOT EMBALMED		27. LICENSE NUMBER ERIC G. HANDLER, M.D.	
28. PLACE OF DEATH DECEASED'S RESIDENCE ORANGE		29. PLACE OF DEATH 2007 CALLE ALEGRIA		30. DEATH DATE 17-02181-CO	
31. CAUSE OF DEATH PENDING INVESTIGATION		32. DEATH DATE 17-02181-CO		33. DEATH DATE 17-02181-CO	
34. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT PREDOMINANTLY THE DIRECT CAUSE OF DEATH		35. DEATH DATE 17-02181-CO		36. DEATH DATE 17-02181-CO	
37. PHYSICIANS FOR ANY CONDITION IN ITEM 34 IF ANY, OR SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL PROBLEMS		38. DEATH DATE 17-02181-CO		39. DEATH DATE 17-02181-CO	
40. CERTIFY THAT IN THIS COPY OF DEATH CERTIFICATE THE DECEASED WAS BORN ON DATE BAPTIZED ON DATE UNIVERSITY OF DEGREE RECEIVED DATE RECEIVED EMPLOYED BY EMPLOYER EMPLOYEE NUMBER EMPLOYEE NUMBER LAST		41. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CORoner VICTORIA REICHARDT		42. DEATH NUMBER 101000003567547	
43. STATE REGISTRATION NUMBER		44. DATE ISSUED 05/09/2017		45. FAX NUMBER CENTRAL TRACT	

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ERIC G. HANDLER, M.D.  
COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

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SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701

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PHYSICIAN/CORONER'S AMENDMENT  
NO ERASURES, WHITEMOUTS, PHOTOCOPIES,  
OR ALTERATIONS

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STATE FILE NUMBER

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 BIRTH     DEATH     FETAL DEATH

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**PART I INFORMATION TO LOCATE RECORD**

INFORMATION AS IT APPEARS ON ORIGINAL RECORD	1. NAME - FIRST: CHASE	2. MIDDLE: TRISTEN JOSEPH	3. LAST: FREI
	4. DATE OF EVENT - MM/DD/YY: 05/08/2017	5. CITY OF EVENT: FULLERTON	6. COUNTY OF EVENT: ORANGE

**PART II STATEMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

LIST ONE ITEM PER LINE	6. CERTIFICATE ITEM # NUMBER	7. INFORMATION AS IT APPEARS ON ORIGINAL RECORD	8. INFORMATION AS IT SHOULD APPEAR
	107A	PENDING INVESTIGATION	ACUTE POLYDRUG INTOXICATION
	107AT		UNK
	107B		COMBINED EFFECTS OF HEROIN, SERTRALINE, NORSERTRALINE AND LAMOTRIGINE
	107BT		UNK
	112		SEVERE CARDIOMEGALY WITH DILATATION; CLINICAL HISTORY OF BIPO极 DEPRESSIVE DISORDER AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
	119	PENDING INVESTIGATION	NO ACCIDENT
	120		NO
	121		05/03/2017
	122		UNK
	123		RESIDENCE
	124		INJECTION/INGESTION/ INHALATION OF HEROIN, SERTRALINE, AND LAMOTRIGINE
	125		DECEDENT'S RESIDENCE, 2007 CALLE ALEGRIA, FULLERTON, CA 92833

I HEREBY DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

DECLARATION OF CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN OR CORONER:

9. SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN OR CORONER

LARRY J ESSLINGER

05/08/2017

10. DATE SIGNED - MM/DD/YY

05/08/2017

11. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME AND TITLE/DEGREE OF CERTIFIER

DEPUTY CORONER

12. ADDRESS - STREET &amp; NUMBER

1071 W. SANTA ANA BLVD.

13. CITY

SANTA ANA

14. STATE

CA

15. ZIP CODE

92703

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STATE REGISTRAR - OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS

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**SUMMONS  
(CITACION JUDICIAL)**

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:** HEALTH NET, INC., a Delaware corporation; HEALTH NET COMPANY, a California corporation; HEALTH NET OF CALIFORNIA, INC., a California corporation; MANAGED HEALTH NETWORK, INC., a Delaware corporation; CENTENE CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive

**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:** PATRICIA MITCHELL, (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): individually as successor in interest to Chase Frei, and on behalf of all others similarly situated

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County of Los Angeles

MAY 22 2018

Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court  
By: Brittny Smith, Deputy

**NOTICE!** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

**AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lee la información a continuación.**

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le queda más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:  
(El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT  
111 N. Hill Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

CASE NUMBER:  
(Número del Caso):

BC 706917

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):  
Richard T. Collins (SBN 166577) 714/241-4444 714/241-4445

CALLAHAN & BLAINE, APC  
3 Hutton Centre Drive, Ninth Floor  
Santa Ana, CA 92707

DATE: MAY 22 2018 SHERRI R. CARTER  
(Fecha)

Clerk, by Brittny Smith, Deputy  
(Secretario) (Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).

**NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED:** You are served

(SEAL)

1.  as an individual defendant.
2.  as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify): *Health Net of California, Inc., a California corporation*
3.  on behalf of (specify): *Health Net of California, Inc., a California corporation*  
under:  CCP 416.10 (corporation)  CCP 416.60 (minor)  
 CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation)  CCP 416.70 (conservatee)  
 CCP 416.40 (association or partnership)  CCP 416.90 (authorized person)  
 other (specify):
4.  by personal delivery on (date):

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<b>ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address):</b> Richard T. Collins (SBN 166577) CALLAHAN & BLAINE, APLC 3 Hutton Centre Drive, Ninth Floor Santa Ana, CA 92707 TELEPHONE NO. 714-241-4444 FAX NO. 714-241-4445 <b>ATTORNEY FOR (Name):</b> Plaintiff PATRICIA MITCHELL, et al. <b>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES</b> STREET ADDRESS: 111 N. Hill Street MAILING ADDRESS: Same as Above CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles, CA 90012 BRANCH NAME: Stanley Mosk Courthouse		<b>COM</b> <b>Case Number:</b> BC 706917 <b>Original Filed:</b> Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles <b>Date:</b> MAY 22 2018 <b>Sheri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court</b> <b>By:</b> Brittny Smith, Deputy
<b>CASE NAME:</b> PATRICIA MITCHELL, et al. v. HEALTH NET, INC., et al.		
<b>CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlimited <input type="checkbox"/> Limited (Amount demanded exceeds \$25,000)      (Amount demanded is \$25,000 or less)		<b>Complex Case Designation</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Counter <input type="checkbox"/> Joinder Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)
		<b>CASE NUMBER:</b> BC 706917 <b>JUDGE:</b> <b>DEPT:</b>

Items 1-6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

## 1. Check one box below for the case type that best describes this case:

<b>Auto Tort</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Auto (22) <input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured motorist (46)	<b>Contract</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Breach of contract/warranty (08) <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 3.740 collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Other collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Other contract (37)	<b>Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation</b> (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403) <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Trade regulation (03) <input type="checkbox"/> Construction defect (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Mass tort (40) <input type="checkbox"/> Securities litigation (28) <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Toxic tort (30) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41)
<b>Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos (04) <input type="checkbox"/> Product liability (24) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical malpractice (45) <input type="checkbox"/> Other PI/PD/WD (23)	<b>Real Property</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain/inverse condemnation (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful eviction (33) <input type="checkbox"/> Other real property (26)	<b>Enforcement of Judgment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of judgment (20)
<b>Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Business tort/unfair business practice (07) <input type="checkbox"/> Civil rights (08) <input type="checkbox"/> Defamation (13) <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud (16) <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual property (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Professional negligence (26) <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35)	<b>Unlawful Detainer</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (31) <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (32) <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs (38)	<b>Miscellaneous Civil Complaint</b> <input type="checkbox"/> RICO (27) <input type="checkbox"/> Other complaint (not specified above) (42)
<b>Employment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful termination (38) <input type="checkbox"/> Other employment (15)	<b>Judicial Review</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Asset forfeiture (05) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition re: arbitration award (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Will of mandate (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Other judicial review (38)	<b>Miscellaneous Civil Petition</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership and corporate governance (21) <input type="checkbox"/> Other petition (not specified above) (43)

2. This case  is  is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:

- a.  Large number of separately represented parties      d.  Large number of witnesses  
 b.  Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve      e.  Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court  
 c.  Substantial amount of documentary evidence      f.  Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision

3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a.  monetary    b.  nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief    c.  punitive

4. Number of causes of action (specify): Six

5. This case  is  is not a class action suit.

6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: May 22, 2018

Richard T. Collins

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

## NOTICE

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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## INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

**To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers.** If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the *Civil Case Cover Sheet* contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

**To Parties In Rule 3.740 Collections Cases.** A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

**To Parties In Complex Cases.** In complex cases only, parties must also use the *Civil Case Cover Sheet* to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES	
<b>Auto Tort</b>	<b>Contract</b>
Auto (22)–Personal Injury/Property	Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)
Damage//Wrongful Death	Breach of Rental/Lease
Uninsured Motorist (46) ( <i>If the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto</i> )	Contract ( <i>not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction</i> )
	Contract/Warranty Breach–Seller
	Plaintiff ( <i>not fraud or negligence</i> )
	Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty
	Other Breach of Contract/Warranty
	Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09)
	Collection Case–Seller Plaintiff
	Other Promissory Note/Collections Case
	Insurance Coverage ( <i>not provisionally complex</i> ) (18)
	Auto Subrogation
	Other Coverage
	Other Contract (37)
	Contractual Fraud
	Other Contract Dispute
	<b>Real Property</b>
	Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)
	Wrongful Eviction (33)
	Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)
	Writ of Possession of Real Property
	Mortgage Foreclosure
	Quiet Title
	Other Real Property ( <i>not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, or foreclosure</i> )
	<b>Unlawful Detainer</b>
	Commercial (31)
	Residential (32)
	Drugs (38) ( <i>if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential</i> )
	<b>Judicial Review</b>
	Asset Forfeiture (05)
	Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)
	Writ of Mandate (02)
	Writ–Administrative Mandamus
	Writ–Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter
	Writ–Other Limited Court Case Review
	Other Judicial Review (39)
	Review of Health Officer Order
	Notice of Appeal–Labor Commissioner Appeals
<b>Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort</b>	<b>Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400–3.403)</b>
Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07)	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)
Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) ( <i>not civil harassment</i> ) (08)	Construction Defect (10)
Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13)	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)
Fraud (16)	Securities Litigation (28)
Intellectual Property (19)	Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)
Professional Negligence (25)	Insurance Coverage Claims ( <i>arising from provisionally complex case type listed above</i> ) (41)
Legal Malpractice	<b>Enforcement of Judgment</b>
Other Professional Malpractice ( <i>not medical or legal</i> )	Enforcement of Judgment (20)
Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)	Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)
<b>Employment</b>	Confession of Judgment ( <i>non-domestic relations</i> )
Wrongful Termination (36)	Sister State Judgment
Other Employment (15)	Administrative Agency Award ( <i>not unpaid taxes</i> )
	Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes
	Other Enforcement of Judgment Case
	<b>Miscellaneous Civil Complaint</b>
	RICO (27)
	Other Complaint ( <i>not specified above</i> ) (42)
	Declaratory Relief Only
	Injunctive Relief Only ( <i>non-harassment</i> )
	Mechanics Lien
	Other Commercial Complaint Case ( <i>non-tort/non-complex</i> )
	Other Civil Complaint ( <i>non-tort/non-complex</i> )
	<b>Miscellaneous Civil Petition</b>
	Partnership and Corporate Governance (21)
	Other Petition ( <i>not specified above</i> ) (43)
	Civil Harassment
	Workplace Violence
	Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse
	Election Contest
	Petition for Name Change
	Petition for Relief From Late Claim
	Other Civil Petition

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CASE NUMBER BC 70 6917

**CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND  
STATEMENT OF LOCATION  
(CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)**

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.3 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

**Step 1:** After completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet (Judicial Council form CM-010), find the exact case type in Column A that corresponds to the case type indicated in the Civil Case Cover Sheet.

**Step 2:** In Column B, check the box for the type of action that best describes the nature of the case.

**Step 3:** In Column C, circle the number which explains the reason for the court filing location you have chosen.

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## Applicable Reasons for Choosing Court Filing Location (Column C)

- 1. Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Central District.
- 2. Permissive filing in central district.
- 3. Location where cause of action arose.
- 4. Mandatory personal injury filing in North District.
- 5. Location where performance required or defendant resides.
- 6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.
- 7. Location where petitioner resides.
- 8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.
- 9. Location where one or more of the parties resides.
- 10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office.
- 11. Mandatory filing location (Hub Cases – unlawful detainer, limited non-collection, limited collection, or personal injury).

	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Auto Tort	Auto (22)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11
	Uninsured Motorist (48)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death - Uninsured Motorist	1, 4, 11
Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Tort	Asbestos (04)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6070 Asbestos Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	1, 11 1, 11
	Product Liability (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1, 4, 11
	Medical Malpractice (45)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons <input type="checkbox"/> A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11
	Other Personal Injury Property Damage Wrongful Death (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall) <input type="checkbox"/> A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress <input type="checkbox"/> A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11

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	Petition re Arbitration (11)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6115 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2, 5	
	Writ of Mandate (02)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6151 Writ - Administrative Mandamus <input type="checkbox"/> A6152 Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter <input type="checkbox"/> A6153 Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review	2, 8 2 2	
	Other Judicial Review (39)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6150 Other Writ /Judicial Review	2, 8	
Provisionally Complex Litigation	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6003 Antitrust/Trade Regulation	1, 2, 8	
	Construction Defect (10)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6007 Construction Defect	1, 2, 3	
	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6006 Claims Involving Mass Tort	1, 2, 8	
	Securities Litigation (28)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6035 Securities Litigation Case	1, 2, 8	
	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6036 Toxic Tort/Environmental	1, 2, 3, 8	
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Enforcement of Judgment	Enforcement of Judgment (20)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6141 Sister State Judgment	2, 5, 11	
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6160 Abstract of Judgment	2, 6	
Miscellaneous Civil Complaints		<input type="checkbox"/> A6107 Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations)	2, 9	
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6140 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)	2, 8	
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6114 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Tax	2, 8	
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6112 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	2, 8, 9	
RICO (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6033 Racketeering (RICO) Case	1, 2, 8		
Miscellaneous Civil Petitions	Other Complaints (Not Specified Above) (42)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6030 Declaratory Relief Only	1, 2, 8	
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6040 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment)	2, 8	
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6011 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex)	1, 2, 8	
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**Step 4: Statement of Reason and Address:** Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected. Enter the address which is the basis for the filing location, including zip code. (No address required for class action cases).

REASON:	ADDRESS:		
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CITY: Los Angeles	STATE: CA	ZIP CODE: 90012	

**Step 5: Certification of Assignment:** I certify that this case is properly filed in the Los Angeles District of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles [Code Civ. Proc., §392 et seq., and Local Rule 2.3(a)(1)(E)].

Dated: May 22, 2018



(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)

**PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:**

1. Original Complaint or Petition.
2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
3. Civil Case Cover Sheet, Judicial Council form CM-010.
4. Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form, LACIV 109, LASC Approved 03-04 (Rev. 02/16).
5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless there is court order for waiver, partial or scheduled payments.
6. A signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court in order to issue a summons.
7. Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT - UNLIMITED CIVIL - CLASS ACTION  
312 N. SPRING STREET COURTHOUSE  
Case Number BC 706917**

**THIS FORM IS TO BE SERVED WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT**

**Your case is assigned for all purposes to the judicial officer indicated below.**

Given to the Plaintiff/Cross-Complainant/Attorney of Record on MAY 22 2018  
(Date)

SHERRI R. CARTER, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court

By ~~P. Babbitt, Jr.~~, Deputy Clerk

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING UNLIMITED CIVIL CASES**

The following critical provisions of the California Rules of Court, Title 3, Division 7, as applicable in the Superior Court, are summarized for your assistance.

### **APPLICATION**

The Division 7 Rules were effective January 1, 2007. They apply to all general civil cases.

### **PRIORITY OVER OTHER RULES**

The Division 7 Rules shall have priority over all other Local Rules to the extent the others are inconsistent.

### **CHALLENGE TO ASSIGNED JUDGE**

A challenge under Code of Civil Procedure Section 170.6 must be made within 15 days after notice of assignment for all purposes to a judge, or if a party has not yet appeared, within 15 days of the first appearance.

### **TIME STANDARDS**

Cases assigned to the Independent Calendaring Courts will be subject to processing under the following time standards:

### **COMPLAINTS**

All complaints shall be served within 60 days of filing and proof of service shall be filed within 90 days.

### **CROSS-COMPLAINTS**

Without leave of court first being obtained, no cross-complaint may be filed by any party after their answer is filed. Cross-complaints shall be served within 30 days of the filing date and a proof of service filed within 60 days of the filing date.

### **STATUS CONFERENCE**

A status conference will be scheduled by the assigned Independent Calendar Judge no later than 270 days after the filing of the complaint. Counsel must be fully prepared to discuss the following issues: alternative dispute resolution, bifurcation, settlement, trial date, and expert witnesses.

### **FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE**

The Court will require the parties to attend a final status conference not more than 10 days before the scheduled trial date. All parties shall have motions in limine, bifurcation motions, statements of major evidentiary issues, dispositive motions, requested form jury instructions, special jury instructions, and special jury verdicts timely filed and served prior to the conference. These matters may be heard and resolved at this conference. At least five days before this conference, counsel must also have exchanged lists of exhibits and witnesses, and have submitted to the court a brief statement of the case to be read to the jury panel as required by Chapter Three of the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

### **SANCTIONS**

The court will impose appropriate sanctions for the failure or refusal to comply with Chapter Three Rules, orders made by the Court, and time standards or deadlines established by the Court or by the Chapter Three Rules. Such sanctions may be on a party, or if appropriate, on counsel for a party.

This is not a complete delineation of the Division 7 or Chapter Three Rules, and adherence only to the above provisions is therefore not a guarantee against the imposition of sanctions under Trial Court Delay Reduction. Careful reading and compliance with the actual Chapter Rules is imperative.

### **Class Actions**

Pursuant to Local Rule 2.3, all class actions shall be filed at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse and are randomly assigned to a complex judge at the designated complex courthouse. If the case is found not to be a class action it will be returned to an Independent Calendar Courtroom for all purposes.

### **\*Provisionally Complex Cases**

Cases filed as provisionally complex are initially assigned to the Supervising Judge of complex litigation for determination of complex status. If the case is deemed to be complex within the meaning of California Rules of Court 3.400 et seq., it will be randomly assigned to a complex judge at the designated complex courthouse. If the case is found not to be complex, it will be returned to an Independent Calendar Courtroom for all purposes.

## VOLUNTARY EFFICIENT LITIGATION STIPULATIONS

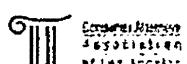


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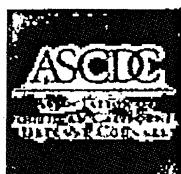


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California Employment  
Lawyers Association

The Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, Discovery Resolution Stipulation, and Motions in Limine Stipulation are voluntary stipulations entered into by the parties. The parties may enter into one, two, or all three of the stipulations; however, they may not alter the stipulations as written, because the Court wants to ensure uniformity of application. These stipulations are meant to encourage cooperation between the parties and to assist in resolving issues in a manner that promotes economic case resolution and judicial efficiency.

*The following organizations endorse the goal of promoting efficiency in litigation and ask that counsel consider using these stipulations as a voluntary way to promote communications and procedures among counsel and with the court to fairly resolve issues in their cases.*

◆ Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section ◆

◆ Los Angeles County Bar Association  
Labor and Employment Law Section ◆

◆ Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles ◆

◆ Southern California Defense Counsel ◆

◆ Association of Business Trial Lawyers ◆

◆ California Employment Lawyers Association ◆

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COURTHOUSE ADDRESS:		
PLAINTIFF:		
DEFENDANT		
<b>STIPULATION – EARLY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING</b>		CASE NUMBER

This stipulation is intended to encourage cooperation among the parties at an early stage in the litigation and to assist the parties in efficient case resolution.

The parties agree that:

1. The parties commit to conduct an initial conference (in-person or via teleconference or via videoconference) within 15 days from the date this stipulation is signed, to discuss and consider whether there can be agreement on the following:
  - a. Are motions to challenge the pleadings necessary? If the issue can be resolved by amendment as of right, or if the Court would allow leave to amend, could an amended complaint resolve most or all of the issues a demurrer might otherwise raise? If so, the parties agree to work through pleading issues so that a demurrer need only raise issues they cannot resolve. Is the issue that the defendant seeks to raise amenable to resolution on demurrer, or would some other type of motion be preferable? Could a voluntary targeted exchange of documents or information by any party cure an uncertainty in the pleadings?
  - b. Initial mutual exchanges of documents at the "core" of the litigation. (For example, in an employment case, the employment records, personnel file and documents relating to the conduct in question could be considered "core." In a personal injury case, an incident or police report, medical records, and repair or maintenance records could be considered "core.");
  - c. Exchange of names and contact information of witnesses;
  - d. Any insurance agreement that may be available to satisfy part or all of a judgment, or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy a judgment;
  - e. Exchange of any other information that might be helpful to facilitate understanding, handling, or resolution of the case in a manner that preserves objections or privileges by agreement;
  - f. Controlling issues of law that, if resolved early, will promote efficiency and economy in other phases of the case. Also, when and how such issues can be presented to the Court;
  - g. Whether or when the case should be scheduled with a settlement officer, what discovery or court ruling on legal issues is reasonably required to make settlement discussions meaningful, and whether the parties wish to use a sitting judge or a private mediator or other options as

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discussed in the "Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Information Package" served with the complaint;

- h. Computation of damages, including documents, not privileged or protected from disclosure, on which such computation is based;
- i. Whether the case is suitable for the Expedited Jury Trial procedures (see information at [www.lacourt.org](http://www.lacourt.org) under "Civil" and then under "General Information").
- 2. The time for a defending party to respond to a complaint or cross-complaint will be extended to \_\_\_\_\_ for the complaint, and \_\_\_\_\_ for the cross-complaint, which is comprised of the 30 days to respond under Government Code § 68616(b), and the 30 days permitted by Code of Civil Procedure section 1054(a), good cause having been found by the Civil Supervising Judge due to the case management benefits provided by this Stipulation. A copy of the General Order can be found at [www.lacourt.org](http://www.lacourt.org) under "Civil", click on "General Information", then click on "Voluntary Efficient Litigation Stipulations".
- 3. The parties will prepare a joint report titled "Joint Status Report Pursuant to Initial Conference and Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation", and if desired, a proposed order summarizing results of their meet and confer and advising the Court of any way it may assist the parties' efficient conduct or resolution of the case. The parties shall attach the Joint Status Report to the Case Management Conference statement, and file the documents when the CMC statement is due.
- 4. References to "days" mean calendar days, unless otherwise noted. If the date for performing any act pursuant to this stipulation falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, then the time for performing that act shall be extended to the next Court day

The following parties stipulate:

Date

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**This stipulation is intended to provide a fast and informal resolution of discovery issues through limited paperwork and an informal conference with the Court to aid in the resolution of the issues.**

**The parties agree that:**

1. Prior to the discovery cut-off in this action, no discovery motion shall be filed or heard unless the moving party first makes a written request for an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the terms of this stipulation.
2. At the Informal Discovery Conference the Court will consider the dispute presented by parties and determine whether it can be resolved informally. Nothing set forth herein will preclude a party from making a record at the conclusion of an Informal Discovery Conference, either orally or in writing.
3. Following a reasonable and good faith attempt at an informal resolution of each issue to be presented, a party may request an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the following procedures:
  - a. The party requesting the Informal Discovery Conference will:
    - i. File a Request for Informal Discovery Conference with the clerk's office on the approved form (copy attached) and deliver a courtesy, conformed copy to the assigned department;
    - ii. Include a brief summary of the dispute and specify the relief requested; and
    - iii. Serve the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Request for Informal Discovery Conference no later than the next court day following the filing.
  - b. Any Answer to a Request for Informal Discovery Conference must:
    - i. Also be filed on the approved form (copy attached);
    - ii. Include a brief summary of why the requested relief should be denied;

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- iii. Be filed within two (2) court days of receipt of the Request; and
  - iv. Be served on the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed upon method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Answer no later than the next court day following the filing.
  - c. No other pleadings, including but not limited to exhibits, declarations, or attachments, will be accepted.
  - d. If the Court has not granted or denied the Request for Informal Discovery Conference within ten (10) days following the filing of the Request, then it shall be deemed to have been denied. If the Court acts on the Request, the parties will be notified whether the Request for Informal Discovery Conference has been granted or denied and, if granted, the date and time of the Informal Discovery Conference, which must be within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference.
  - e. If the conference is not held within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, unless extended by agreement of the parties and the Court, then the Request for the Informal Discovery Conference shall be deemed to have been denied at that time.
4. If (a) the Court has denied a conference or (b) one of the time deadlines above has expired without the Court having acted or (c) the Informal Discovery Conference is concluded without resolving the dispute, then a party may file a discovery motion to address unresolved issues.
5. The parties hereby further agree that the time for making a motion to compel or other discovery motion is tolled from the date of filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference until (a) the request is denied or deemed denied or (b) twenty (20) days after the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, whichever is earlier, unless extended by Order of the Court.
- It is the understanding and intent of the parties that this stipulation shall, for each discovery dispute to which it applies, constitute a writing memorializing a "specific later date to which the propounding [or demanding or requesting] party and the responding party have agreed in writing," within the meaning of Code Civil Procedure sections 2030.300(c), 2031.320(c), and 2033.290(c).
- 6. Nothing herein will preclude any party from applying *ex parte* for appropriate relief, including an order shortening time for a motion to be heard concerning discovery.
  - 7. Any party may terminate this stipulation by giving twenty-one (21) days notice of intent to terminate the stipulation.
  - 8. References to "days" mean calendar days, unless otherwise noted. If the date for performing any act pursuant to this stipulation falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, then the time for performing that act shall be extended to the next Court day.

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**The following parties stipulate:**

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(ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF)



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(ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT)



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<b>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES</b>			
COURTHOUSE ADDRESS:			
PLAINTIFF:			
DEFENDANT:			
<b>INFORMAL DISCOVERY CONFERENCE</b> (pursuant to the Discovery Resolution Stipulation of the parties)			CASE NUMBER

1. This document relates to:

- Request for Informal Discovery Conference  
 Answer to Request for Informal Discovery Conference

2. Deadline for Court to decide on Request: \_\_\_\_\_ (insert date 10 calendar days following filing of the Request)
3. Deadline for Court to hold Informal Discovery Conference: \_\_\_\_\_ (insert date 20 calendar days following filing of the Request)
4. For a Request for Informal Discovery Conference, briefly describe the nature of the discovery dispute, including the facts and legal arguments at issue. For an Answer to Request for Informal Discovery Conference, briefly describe why the Court should deny the requested discovery, including the facts and legal arguments at issue.

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COURTHOUSE ADDRESS.		
PLAINTIFF:		
DEFENDANT		
<b>STIPULATION AND ORDER – MOTIONS IN LIMINE</b>		CASE NUMBER

**This stipulation is intended to provide fast and informal resolution of evidentiary issues through diligent efforts to define and discuss such issues and limit paperwork.**

**The parties agree that:**

1. At least \_\_\_\_ days before the final status conference, each party will provide all other parties with a list containing a one paragraph explanation of each proposed motion in limine. Each one paragraph explanation must identify the substance of a single proposed motion in limine and the grounds for the proposed motion.
2. The parties thereafter will meet and confer, either in person or via teleconference or videoconference, concerning all proposed motions in limine. In that meet and confer, the parties will determine:
  - a. Whether the parties can stipulate to any of the proposed motions. If the parties so stipulate, they may file a stipulation and proposed order with the Court.
  - b. Whether any of the proposed motions can be briefed and submitted by means of a short joint statement of issues. For each motion which can be addressed by a short joint statement of issues, a short joint statement of issues must be filed with the Court 10 days prior to the final status conference. Each side's portion of the short joint statement of issues may not exceed three pages. The parties will meet and confer to agree on a date and manner for exchanging the parties' respective portions of the short joint statement of issues and the process for filing the short joint statement of issues.
3. All proposed motions in limine that are not either the subject of a stipulation or briefed via a short joint statement of issues will be briefed and filed in accordance with the California Rules of Court and the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

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(ATTORNEY FOR \_\_\_\_\_)

**THE COURT SO ORDERS.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL OFFICER

# Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles



## ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) INFORMATION PACKET

The person who files a civil lawsuit (plaintiff) must include the ADR Information Packet with the complaint when serving the defendant. Cross-complainants must serve the ADR Information Packet on any new parties named to the action together with the cross-complaint.

There are a number of ways to resolve civil disputes without having to sue someone. These alternatives to a lawsuit are known as alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

In ADR, trained, impartial persons decide disputes or help parties decide disputes themselves. These persons are called neutrals. For example, in mediations, the neutral is the mediator. Neutrals normally are chosen by the disputing parties or by the court. Neutrals can help resolve disputes without having to go to court.

### **Advantages of ADR**

- Often faster than going to trial
- Often less expensive, saving the litigants court costs, attorney's fees and expert fees.
- May permit more participation, allowing parties to have more control over the outcome.
- Allows for flexibility in choice of ADR processes and resolution of the dispute.
- Fosters cooperation by allowing parties to work together with the neutral to resolve the dispute and mutually agree to remedy.
- There are fewer, if any, court appearances. Because ADR can be faster and save money, it can reduce stress.

### **Disadvantages of ADR - ADR may not be suitable for every dispute.**

- If ADR is binding, the parties normally give up most court protections, including a decision by a judge or jury under formal rules of evidence and procedure, and review for legal error by an appellate court.
- ADR may not be effective if it takes place before the parties have sufficient information to resolve the dispute.
- The neutral may charge a fee for his or her services.
- If the dispute is not resolved through ADR, the parties may then have to face the usual and traditional costs of trial, such as attorney's fees and expert fees.

### **The Most Common Types of ADR**

- **Mediation**

In mediation, a neutral (the mediator) assists the parties in reaching a mutually acceptable resolution of their dispute. Unlike lawsuits or some other types of ADR, the parties, rather than the mediator, decide how the dispute is to be resolved.

- Mediation is particularly effective when the parties have a continuing relationship, like neighbors or business people. Mediation is also very effective where personal feelings are getting in the way of a resolution. This is because mediation normally gives the parties a chance to express their feelings and find out how the other sees things.
- Mediation may not be effective when one party is unwilling to cooperate or compromise or when one of the parties has a significant advantage in power over the other. Therefore, it may not be a good choice if the parties have a history of abuse or victimization.

- **Arbitration**

In arbitration, a neutral person called an “arbitrator” hears arguments and evidence from each side and then decides the outcome of the dispute. Arbitration is typically less formal than a trial, and the rules of evidence may be relaxed. Arbitration may be either “binding” or “non-binding.” Binding arbitration means the parties waive their right to a trial and agree to accept the arbitrator’s decision as final. Non-binding arbitration means that the parties are free to request a trial if they reject the arbitrator’s decision.

Arbitration is best for cases where the parties want another person to decide the outcome of their dispute for them but would like to avoid the formality, time, and expense of a trial. It may also be appropriate for complex matters where the parties want a decision-maker who has training or experience in the subject matter of the dispute.

- **Mandatory Settlement Conference (MSC)**

**Settlement Conferences are appropriate in any case where settlement is an option.** Mandatory Settlement Conferences are ordered by the Court and are often held near the date a case is set for trial. The parties and their attorneys meet with a judge who devotes his or her time exclusively to preside over the MSC. The judge does not make a decision in the case but assists the parties in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the case and in negotiating a settlement.

The Los Angeles Superior Court Mandatory Settlement Conference (MSC) program is free of charge and staffed by experienced sitting civil judges who devote their time exclusively to presiding over MSCs. The Judges participating in the judicial MSC program and their locations are identified in the List of Settlement Officers found on the Los Angeles Superior Court website at <http://www.lacourt.org/>. This program is available in general jurisdiction cases with represented parties from independent calendar (IC) and Central Civil West (CCW) courtrooms. In addition, on an ad hoc basis, personal injury cases may be referred to the program on the eve of trial by the personal injury master calendar courts in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse or the asbestos calendar court in CCW.

In order to access the Los Angeles Superior Court MSC Program the judge in the IC courtroom, the CCW Courtroom or the personal injury master calendar courtroom must refer the parties to the program. Further, all parties must complete the information requested in the Settlement Conference Intake Form and email the completed form to mscdept18@lacourt.org.

## **Additional Information**

**To locate a dispute resolution program or neutral in your community:**

- Contact the California Department of Consumer Affairs ([www.dca.ca.gov](http://www.dca.ca.gov)) Consumer Information Center toll free at 800-952-5210, or;
- Contact the local bar association (<http://www.lacba.org/>) or;
- Look in a telephone directory or search online for "mediators; or "arbitrators."

**There may be a charge for services provided by private arbitrators and mediators.**

A list of approved State Bar Approved Mandatory Fee Arbitration programs is available at  
<http://calbar.ca.gov/Attorneys/MemberServices/FeeArbitration/ApprovedPrograms.aspx#19>

**To request information about, or assistance with, dispute resolution, call the number listed below. Or you may call a Contract Provider agency directly. A list of current Contract Provider agencies in Los Angeles County is available at the link below.**

<http://css.lacounty.gov/programs/dispute-resolution-program-drp/>

**County of Los Angeles Dispute Resolution Program  
3175 West 6th Street, Room 406  
Los Angeles, CA 90020-1798  
TEL: (213) 738-2621  
FAX: (213) 386-3995**

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